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European Police **Detain Algerians**

5 Nations See World Cup Threat

By Barry James International Herald Tribune

BRUSSELS - Police in five European countries on Tuesday raided the homes of people suspected of supporting an Islamic extremist group in Algeria. Officials said the coordinated operation — in Belgium, France, Germany, Italy and Switzerland — was aimed at forestalling the threat of terrorist violence during the World Cup sooger. the threat of terrorist violence during the World Cup soccer tournament, which opens in France next month.

France was the scene of a series of bomb attacks by Algerian Islamic militants three years ago in which eight people were killed and 170 were wounded, and officials were clearly concerned about the possibility of new violence during events that will draw hundreds of thousands of speciators and be seen by a worldwide television audience of billions.

The raids, which officials said had been planned for months, were coordinated by anti-terrorist investigating judges in France, where officials said the police raided 43 locations in Paris, Lyon and Marseille and on the island of Corsica. The officials said 53 people were detained for questioning, including one man wanted in connection with a failed bomb attack in Paris last month.

Suspects in France can be held for up to four days without charges. Other European countries have similar rules on the detention of suspects in criminal and antiterrorist investigations.

In Karlsruhe, Germany, the federal prosecutors office said the police raided seven locations and seized video cassettes, computer disks and papers.

"The investigations are into Algerian citizens sus-

pected of belonging to a group that provides explosives and logistical support to Islamic extremists in Algeria, principally the GIA," the statement said. The GIA is the Armed Islamic Group, the most radical of the terrorist groups seeking to overthrow the government of Algeria.
The police said they had detained two Algerians sus-

pected of being aides to a top Islamic Group leader. Officials contend the group is responsible for a wave of massacres in Algeria, where an estimated 65,000 people have been killed since 1992, when the military gov-

ernment canceled elections that an Islamic fundamentalist party was on the verge of winning. There was no indication that any specific terrorist

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British war veterans turning their backs in protest Tuesday of the Japanese entourage.

Emperor Gets Mixed Reception

British War Veterans Protest as Queen Welcomes Akihito

By T. R. Reid Washington Post Service

LONDON — The emperor of Japan has arrived in Britain to what can only be called a mixed reception: a royal welcome at Buckingham Palace, and racist'epithets in the popular press.

The state visit this week by Emperor Akihito has sparked a sharp split among the British. The controversy pits the bitter memories of a group of British World War II veterans against the eagerness of a younger generation here to cultivate Japanese friendship, markets and investors.

British media coverage of the visit has been strongly supportive of the veterans — and has demonstrated that racial insults and stereotypes that would be taboo in the American press, or in Japanese publications, for that matter, are still standard headline material for the British.

The country's largest-circulation newspaper, The Sun, refers to the controversy over the emperor's visit as the "Jap Row." Speakers on television and radio talk shows routinely use similar terms.

'The word 'Jap' is a deeply offensive term of racial bias," a Japanese government spokesman, Sadaaki Numata, said. "It is painful that some British media still use it so freely.

Emperor Akihito has received a formal greeting with all the trimmings from his old acquaintance, Queen Elizabeth II. Among many other activities Tuesday, she named him a Knight Commander of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, the palace's highest title of chivalry.

Prime Minister Tony Blair also offered a warm welcome to the visitor. He called on all Britons to 'celebrate the relationship that now exists" be-

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South Korea Girds For General Strike

By Don Kirk International Herald Tribune

SEOUL — A militant South Korean labor confederation called Tuesday for a teneral strike to start Wednesday, defying government warnings of a crackdown and sending stocks tumbling sharply for the second day in a row to their lowest point in more than a de-

After 32,000 workers at Hyundai Motor Co. voted to go on strike for at least two days to protest planned layoffs, the Korean Confederation of Trade Unions said 120,000 of its 600,000 members at 90 heavy industrial concerns would join in the walkout.

The strike threat, along with fresh signs of increasing corporate debt and the falling value of the yen against the dollar, have all conspired in recent days to purumel the stock market as they heighten fears that South Korea's eco-

nomic problems are growing.
Throughout Tuesday, investors unloaded shares with increasing velocity, leading Yonhap, the semi-official national news agency, to warn of "panic over a possible market breakdown."

After falling 6.7 percent Monday, the benchmark index fell 20 points, or 6 percent, to close at 311.99, another 11year low. Many market observers predicted that stocks would quickly fall through the 300 barrier.

Hyundai Motor shares have fallen 40.8 percent in the past three months. The continued decline of the stock market was a bitter disappointment to government officials, who had believed

the economy was slowly recovering from the depths of December, when the nation was close to bankruptcy. After banks and companies managed to meet debt obligations as a result of a rescue package of nearly \$60 billion a high for the year of 591.7 points in late

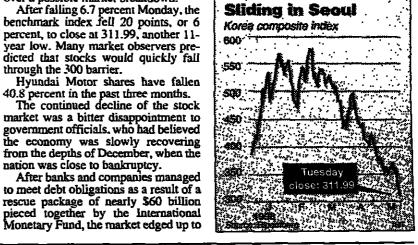
Officials had expected foreign investors to shore up the market after abolishing the 55 percent ceiling on foreign ownership of private companies beginning Monday, but investors paid far more attention to the negative signs

in the economy. There was a misguided belief there would be a strong interest in the bluechips on the expectation of a buying binge from foreign investors which did not materialize," said Edward Campbell-Harris, director of Jardine Fleming Securities in Seoul. The country is paying a heavy price for the mistakes of the last decade.

Once the word spread that the foreigners were not buying, Mr. Campbell-Harris said, the market went into "a bit of a free fall, and it also didn't help to have the news of the strike.

Foreign investors, according to Mr. Campbell-Harris, showed interest in only one major company, Pohang Iron

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As Economy Deteriorates, Russia Asks IMF for Help Markets Find Fault With Plan to Raise Revenue

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

MOSCOW --- Its currency and stock markets reeling in the face of mounting economic woes, Russia has asked the International Monetary Fund for new.

cheap loans to prop up its finances. The request came during a turnulmous week in which the stock market extended four weeks of decline, interest rates in the bond market soared above 60 percent, striking coal miners tied up the country's rail traffic and the month-old government of Prime Minister Sergei Kiriyenko announced sweeping plans to

raise revenue and cut spending.
Russian officials were reluctant to discuss their IMF request, apparently for fear of further upsetting investors. We have been negotiating possible

financial support for Russia with both the IMF and the World Bank." Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Khristenko said Tuesday Finance minister Mikhail Zadomov said it was "premature to speak about the size of such a loan or about possible creditors.

Asked what the government would

do to normalize Russia's financial markets, however, Mr. Zadomov acknowledged something must be done soon.

The simution can't fluctuate like that for long," he said.
On Tuesday, the main Russian stock index fell 1.9 percent, bringing the year-to-date decline to 47 percent, while debt yields soared on doubts the government would manage to cut spending and raise revenue. The Russian/Skate Press stock market Moscow Times Index, which

tracks the fifty largest stocks in market

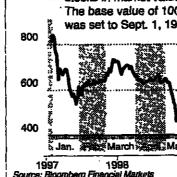
value, fell 3.05 percent, to 432.52. Investors were registering their skep-ticism about the government's plan to lift revenue by as much as 14 billion rubles (\$2.27 billion) this year and cut spending by 40 billion rubles, in part by reducing energy use at state organizations. The plan, outlined Tuesday, also calls for the government to buy most of its offer of 12 billion rubles in debt at the weekly auction Wednesday to help keep yields

A new low-interest IMF loan would reduce pressure on the budget by being used to retire expensive, short-term domestic loans on which the government

KEEPING TRACK

A Market's Plunge The Russian stock market has declined by

more than 45 percent this year, according to the Russian/Skate Press stock market Moscow Times Index, which includes the fifty largest stocks in market value. The base value of 100 was set to Sept. 1, 1994.



currently pays more than 50 percent

The high interest rate is one reason that investors flee stocks for bonds, here they are ensured a large return. Moscow first broached the subject of new loans during talks last week be-

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German Opposition Advertises a Cabinet

By John Schmid

FRANKFURT - In an early indication of the faces that could make up the next German cabinet, Oskar Lafontaine, chairman of the opposition Social Democratic Party, was presented Tuesday as the next finance minister, if the party prevails in the September elec-

SPD deputies meeting in Bonn backed the choice of Mr. Lafontaine, who is closer to the left wing of the party than its front-running candidate for chancellor, Gerhard Schroeder.

As finance minister, Mr. Lafontaine would occupy one of Germany's most critical international jobs and the second-most important domestic post behind the chancellor.

The posting, if confirmed after the Sept. 27 vote, would give an old-style socialist a post that is usually reserved for preaching Germany's austere brand of fiscal rectitude at international sum-

mit meetings. "Oskar Lafontaine will employ his energies in the areas of finance and European policy," Mr. Schroeder said. By naming most of his potential min-isters, Mr. Schroeder, who has been criticized for his ambiguous positions

first sharp contrasts with the center-

right government of Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has presided over Germany for a record 16 years.

the choice, adding that other personnel Tuesday were "the beginning Schroeder's end," Reuters reported.]

Mr. Lafontaine, whose position as party chairman gives him strong influence over party postings, seems to be an unlikely choice to replace Theo Waigel, the country's longest-serving finance minister.

Against the odds, Mr. Waigel has managed to impose an austerity program on West Germans and overcome the massive deficits of German unification to meet the strict fiscal benchmarks mandated by Europe's single currency.

By contrast, Mr. Lafontaine has close ties with German unions and is a defend-

er of the generous welfare system. Unlike Mr. Kohl and his allies, Mr. Lafontaine supports a shortened 32-[Mr. Kohl's conservatives denounced hour workweek and higher wages.

Mr. Lafontaine's most dramatic gesdecisions presented by the SPD on ture in the past year was his crusade in the Bundesrat, the upper chamber of Parliament, to bury Mr. Waigel's overhaul of Germany's complex tax system, a plan that international economic organizations viewed as Germany's best answer to the chronic unemployment crisis. He argued that Mr. Kohl's tax reform benefited the rich at the expense

Mr. Schroeder had wanted to announce his team next month. But by moving his announcement up to Tuesday, he put a face on his proposed government a day after Mr. Kohl fired

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Jakarta Faces a Long Slog To Establish Democracy

But the Pressure for Change May Be Irreversible on key issues, effectively has drawn his

By Michael Richardson

JAKARTA -- When the gates of Cipinang Prison here swung open Tuesday to release two of the most prominent detainees of the Suharto era, they seemed to signal the opening of public expectations of far-reaching reforms in one of Asia's last remaining autocracies.

For more than 30 years, until he was forced to resign Thursday in a wave of protests and riots, President Suharto sysematically centralized power in his own hands, bending Parliament, elections and the nation's political parties into instruments to routinely endorse his rule.

From the early 1980's, economic liberalization in Indonesia started to create an increasingly large and vocal middleclass. But unlike the changes that occurred in the authoritarian structures of the Philippines, South Korea and Thailand, greater economic freedom in Indonesia was not matched by moves toward political freedom.

Now, suddenly, the world's fourth most populous nation seems to be moving at a pace the government can barely control toward real political competition and accountable rule.

This is just the starting point for a total reformation of the country." the political dissident Sri Bintang Pamungkas shouted to hundreds of jubilant supporters who gathered outside the prison to welcome his release and that of the labor leader Muchtar Pakpahan.

Nurcholish Madjid, a Muslim leader who was privy to the public and private machinations brought about the end of

ANALYSIS Suharto rule, said: "This is the first time in our history that we have had a real chance to establish democracy."

He and several other leading reformers met Tuesday with Mr. Suharto's successor, President B.J. Habibie, to urge him to set a schedule for elections and ease restrictions on the media and political organizations.

Mr. Habibie, partly to distance himself from his unpopular predecessor and strengthen his own tenuous hold on power, has heightened the expectations of political change by promising to free most political prisoners, limit the time a president can stay in office and hold general elections as soon as possible.

Many analysts said the pressure for real political change is irreversible. "You're going to see a totally new ball game in politics now that Suharto has gone and the lid is off," a Western diplomat said. "Power is much more diffuse than it was before.'

Some labor activists have already formed the Indonesian Workers Party, the first of what could be a mass of new political organizations. Under existing law, only three parties are permitted to take part in elections and the rules are stacked in favor of the ruling Golkar party.

Wilhelmus Bokha, one of the

AGENDA

State Dept. Calls Gingrich 'Outrageous'

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The State Department condemned Tuesday as 'appalling and outrageous' comments by the House speaker, Newt Gingrich, that Secretary of

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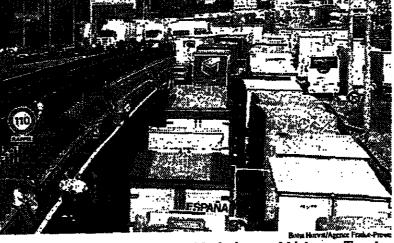
State Madeleine Albright is an agent of

the Palestinians.

The department's spokesman, James Rubin, said of Mrs. Albright: "She is an agent for the American people, and any suggestion that she is an agent for anyone else is extremely provocative, unjustified and an outrageous sugges-

In Jerusalem, Mr. Gingrich went be-yond U.S. policy on Tuesday by declaring the city Israel's capital. Page 6.

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TRUCK JAM - French truckers blocked several highways Tuesday but vowed not to take further action until September. Air France pilots, meanwhile, reiterated a threat to strike during the World Cup. Page 2.

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'Microsofties' Feel So Unloved and Misunderstood

By Amy Harmon

REDMOND, Washington — Of all the U.S. government's affronts that Microsoft Corp. feels it has had to endure, the most galling to many here at One Microsoft Way was the admission last week by Attorney General Janet Reno that she did not use a

Much of the United States might have taken little notice of Ms. Reno's remark, but for the troops of technologists who breathe life into machines, it suggests a revealing explanation for the landmark anti-trust suit against Microsoft — a suit that otherwise simply did not compute here.

The prevailing logic among Microsoft's employees holds that only rank ignorance could explain the Justice Department's attempt to block something so logical, so beneficial to consumers as blending an Internet browser with an operating system.

'The problem with the Justice Department is they don't understand how computer software works," said David Pritchard, chief of recruiting for Microsoft. "And they don't understand us."

Such attitudes may reflect the institutional arrogance that helped land Microsoft in court. But they also underscore how the view of the people who drive the most successful U.S. company of the late 20th century clashes so sharply with that of the government. If Microsoft is misunderstood, the unfolding anti-

trust case certainly provides insight into its cohesive corporate culture, where defense of the company goes beyond the expected rallying of workers around a besieged employer. Inspired by a sense of techno-

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By Sam Dillon

The details of Father Ortiz's death were al-

Mauro Ortiz Carreno, was dead.

torching of rich timberland, they said.

across the southern United States.

Ortiz lent \$1,250 last year.

authorities ordered this murder.

By Marlise Simons

New York Times Service

that burst from a mine reservoir and

flooded rivers and farms in southern

Spain late last month will take more

than \$100 million to clean up, according

Cleanup crews have been hauling

But the Minister of Environment says

the cleanup would be speeded up to do as

much as possible before autumn, when

rains may scatter the contamination even

further. The government on Monday approved the release of the first \$30 mil-

lion for the cleaning, the minister said.

away tons of mud containing zinc, lead,

iron, cadmium and other heavy metals

spread by the spill.

BARCELONA — The toxic sludge

authorities said, but traffickers have also been

igniting forests to expand marijuana and opium

poppy plots.
This year, Mexico's drifting smoke cloud was

intense enough to provoke health warnings

The official version of Father Ortiz's killing

contrasts starkly with the view held by those who

knew him. In an interview, Oaxaca's attorney

general, Roberto Martinez Ortiz, said the main

suspect was a man to whose former wife Father

The priest had been pressing the woman to pay

Statements by Archbishop Hector Gonzalez

"Father Mauro was no usurer," the auxiliary

Martinez appeared to accept the government

account. But other church authorities scoffed.

Bishop Miguel Angel Alba said in an interview.

"This is a self-serving version invented by the

government, so that no one will think drug

mafias are operating in Oaxaca. We suspect that

. San Juan sits in a remote valley, shaded by

towering pine and spruce trees, five hours' drive

south of the state capital, also called Oaxaca.

interest, Mr. Martinez said, and the authorities

hypothesize that Father Ortiz was killed to can-

who live here.

AN JUAN OZOLOLTEPEC, Mexico -

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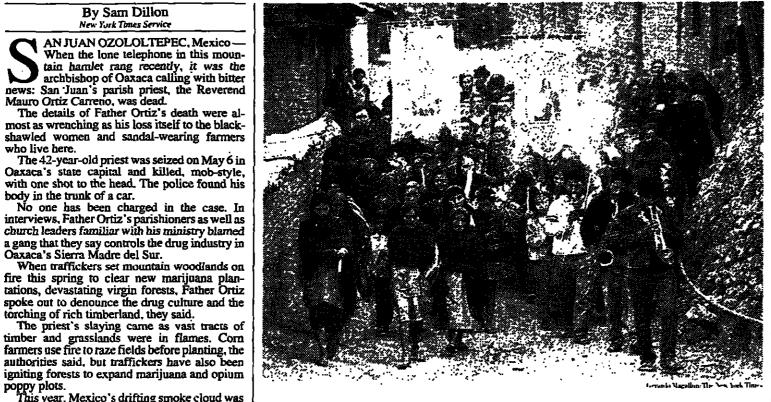
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A Mexican Priest's Murder, in Heart of Marijuana Country

Villagers in San Juan Ozololtepec holding a memorial procession for their local priest, the Reverend Mauro Ortiz Carreno, who was murdered May 6 in Oaxaca. Church leaders and parishioners blame a drug traffickers' gang.

Whether baptizing parishioners in the village's 17th-century chapel or instructing catechists in his cement-floored office, Father Ortiz was the center of San Juan's spiritual and in-

Outspoken Critic of Drug Culture / Mob-Style Killing Shocks Parish

As with most rural priests, his ministry involved travel to surrounding villages. He drove a Ford pickup, often wearing a jaunty straw hat. He was so beloved that Tereso Hernandez, San Juan's mayor, said he feared a lynching if parishioners identified the killer. "People are

crazed with sorrow," he said. Guadalupe Aragon, a village council member, challenged the state government's portrayal of Father Ortiz as a greedy moneylender. Sometimes the priest responded to parishioners' pleas by lending a few pesos here and there, Miss

Sludge Cleanup Cost to Top \$100 Million, Spain Says

to be paid by the owner of the reservoir, toxic reservoir burst because of human

Boliden Ltd., which is based in Toronto

and produces mainly zinc, but also some

lead, copper and silver in the low hills

Company executives have said they

will pay for the mopping up of some 3

through the riverbeds and banks. They

said they were also willing to reimburse

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Aragon said, but he never sought to profit from

So what could have provoked the killing? Father Ortiz aroused the anger of powerful people before, the village leaders recalled, for instance in 1992, when he denounced the embezzlement of timber-cutting fees by local officials of a previous administration, drawing

But Gabriel Silva, San Juan's treasurer, drew nods when he voiced a stronger suspicion. Residents in San Francisco Ozololtepec, a

bordering hamlet also in the priest's jurisdiction, Mr. Silva said, cultivate marijuana and patrol their plantations wielding rifles. In March, fires set by the traffickers to clear new plots spread into San Juan's forests, he said.

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consisted of acidic mud and heavy

metals, and it laid a noxious blanket on

its path more than 30 kilometers (20

joined the Guadalquivir River, that lar-

luted it and carried it to sea.

one of Europe's most important.

ger waterway absorbed the brew, di-

tons of dead fish and uncounted numbers

Makeshift dikes diverted the toxic

The black brew that spewed forth

The devastation angered the priest, and during a visit to San Francisco he urged parishionets there to replace their mayor, Estanislao Gallardo Roque, with someone who would crack down on the drug culture, Mr. Silva said.

Weeks later, back in San Juan, Father Ortiz denounced the drug culture and the burning of forests in a sermon, Mr. Silva said.

Church officials in the state capital outlined events leading to the priest's murder in similar

"His preachings confronted the narcotics traffickers," said a report on the murder issued by the Reverend Wilfrido Mayren Pelaez, a priest who knew Father Ortiz. "He denounced the burning of forests to plant marijuana and the enrichment of some people by poisoning others."

R. GALLARDO, San Francisco's mayor, denied in an interview that marijuana was grown in his village, although he acknowledged that he spent a month in 1980 on what he described as terminal and in 1980 on what he described as terminal and in 1980 on what he described as terminal and in 1980 on what he described as terminal and in 1980 on what he described as terminal and in 1980 on what he described as terminal and in 1980 on what he described as terminal and interview that marijuana was grown in his village, although the second and the second an scribed as trumped-up marijuana charges.
"I have no idea how or why this priest was killed," he said. "I hope they arrest the person

who did it.'' Town officials in San Juan and the church

authorities in the state capital said that the traffickers in the Sierra Madre were protected by a network that appeared to include state government officials. "I don't know anything about any mafia,"

said Israel Jarquin Magno, the state government delegate with jurisdiction over San Juan and San Francisco. In an interview, Mr. Jarquin said he had no

information about drug cultivation in the Oaxaca mountains. Enforcing narcotics laws is a federal responsibility, he said. "Don't ask me about that," he

added. Father Ortiz was buried in the village near the state capital where he was born. But following a tradition, his parishioners gathered on May 17. nine days after his burial, for an all-night me-

morial session to say the rosary. In San Juan's plaza at midnight, smoke from smoldering forests mingled with incense wafting from the chapel, where 200 peasants knelt before a bank of glowing candles, many weeping. At dawn, musicians sounded an Indian dirge as villagers trudged up a trail to a mountaintop cemetery, bearing a wooden cross honoring the

One woman in the procession. Severina Heredia, described the impact of the priest's death. "Our world has turned black," she said.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Greece Braces for Strike

ATHENS (AP) - A 24-hour nationwide general strike set for Wednesday threatens to paralyze Greece, with masstransit workers and Olympic Airways

miles) long. Where the Guadiamar employees walking off their jobs. Postal and tax offices and all state-run inks will remain closed for the day. while state hospitals will treat only No one died in the accident. But emergency cases.

workers have already collected some 30 Warsaw's single-line subway finally reached the city center when a new of dead birds and small mammals. Bistation opened Tuesday. The metro, ologists are trying to assess the damage to the nearby of Donana wildlife reserve, which stretches from the southern housing district of Ursynow to the center near the Palace of Science and Culture, has 12 stations and covers 13 kilometers

Truckers Open French P **But Pilots Vow** 2-Week Strike

PARIS - French truckers announced an end to roadblocks that snarled traffic around the country on Tuesday, and they pledged to withhold new protest action until September. Air France pilots, however, were ex-pected to give notice Tuesday evening of

a two-week strike starting on June 1, an official of the SNPL pilots union said.
The SNPL is the principal pilots union at the state-run carrier Air France. It would join three smaller unions that have given strike notices for a four-day

stoppage beginning June 1.

The strikes would come in the run-up to the June 10 kick-off of the soccer World Cup, which is scheduled to last until July 12.

Roger Polenti, head of the truckers' branch of the Workers Force labor un-

ion, said at a news conference that truckers would lift blockades set up on highways and would hold off new protest-

ways and would hold off new protest action to win higher pay.

"There will be nothing before September," he said in response to fears; that the truckers would organize protests during the World Cup, which will feature 32 teams playing in 10 French cines. There have been reports that truckers,

who sometimes disobey union orders, would try to block roads to stadiums. The protests called by Workers Force, the third-largest truckers union. had been due to last just 24 hours, coinciding with national wage talks.

The action, coupled with roadblocks the same day organized by angry fair-. ground entertainers, raised fears of renewed labor protests during the showcase soccer tournament. French truckers brought the country.

to a standstill in 1996 and 1997.+ wringing major concessions from trucking companies that many truckers say have not been carried out The National Road Information Cen-

ter said Tuesday that three major roads, had been totally blocked, eight partly blocked, and that go-slow operations were under way on five roads. A 300truck blockade on the A7 highway in the; south was lifted in the afternoon. The blockades Tuesday were the

latest in a string of labor protests taking place in the buildup to the World Cup. with train drivers also stepping up demands for better pay and conditions. A train-drivers' trade union warned on Tuesday that it was considering a strike during the Cup that would disrupt

rail traffic in and around the Paris area. Matches are scheduled at both major Paris-area stadiums. A decision by the pilots' union to go on strike would come on the heels of a two-day action by three smaller Air France pilots' unions, also opposed to a,

15 percent pay cut in exchange for a 10 percent stake in the airline. Jean-Cyril Spinetta, the chief executive of Air France, said Tuesday that he would not back down on his bid to trim 500 million francs (\$84.5 million) from

the company's annual wage bill. "To take the World Cup hostage, to organize blackmail during the Cup, would be severely criticized by public opinion." Mr. Spinetta said on RTL (AFP, Reuters, AP)

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STOCKHOLM — Tuberculosis, commonly thought to be an elderly man's affliction,

has become the No. 1 killer of young women, notably in

DEATH NOTICE Andrea Badrutt

died a week before his 88th birthday, after a long and happy life as one of the owners, managers and much loved host of Badrutt's Palace Hotel-St. Moritz

He shall be greatly missed by his family, the staff of the hotel, and guests from the world over.

He is survived by his son. ohannes, his daughter in law, Denize, his newborn grandson, Ali-Andrea, his brother and sister-in-law, Hansjurg and Aniko and the Wolfensberger

Funeral services will be held at 1:00 on Thursday, May 28th at the Protestant Church in St. Moritz.

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was in good order but that it broke be-

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the night of April 25, people in the village of Aznalcollar, next to the mine,

heard a loud bang, like an explosion. As

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ment inspectors and the mine itself.

Critics, including environmentalists

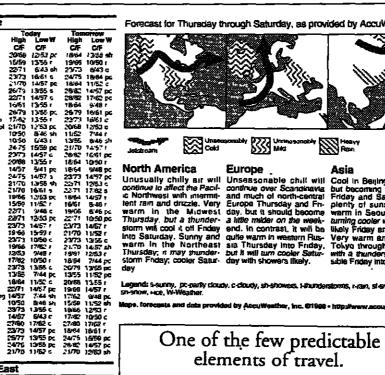
Tuesday. ted, experts stated at a medical seminar in the Swedish

city of Gothenburg.
About 2.5 million will get sick this year and 1 million will die. Most of those will be between the ages of 15 and

Within that age group, uberculosis accounts for about 9 percent of women's deaths worldwide

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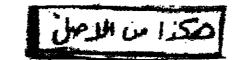
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High Court Places Most of Ellis Island in New Jersey

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Supreme
Court handed New York a bitter defeat Tuesday by ruling that all but a small part of Ellis Island, the nation's historic gateway for 16 million immigrants, falls in New Jersey.

While New York will keep the island's original three acres (1.2 hectares) the high court ruled, 6 to 3, that all the land added to the island to create the landmark U.S. immigration processing center, which operated from the 1890s until 1954, belongs to New Jersey.

"After 1891, when the United States decided to use the island to receive immigrants. the national government began placing fill around its shoreline and over the next 42 years added some 24.5 acres to the area of the original island," Justice David Souter wrote for the majority.

The issue in this case is whether New York or New Jersey has sovereign authority over this filled land. We find that New Jersey does," Justice Souter wrote.

New York had contended that history was on its side and that all of Ellis Island should be

considered part of New York state. Historic Ellis Island is in New York Harbor, 1,300 feet (430 meters) from Jersey City, New Jersey, and one mile (1.6 kilometers) from the tip of Manhattan in New York City.

At issue were questions of sovereignty over the island, now a museum run by the National Park Service. While the island has fallen within New York borders since the 17th century, New Jersey sued in 1993, claiming that parts of it were within its territory.

Justice Souter agreed, even though he acknowledged that the effect of the ruling would be to draw a boundary line that divides not only the island, but some of the buildings on it, including the main immigration processing building.

The U.S. government holds title to the Ellis Island land. Still, the boundary dispute involved not only symbolic bragging rights but also a number of practical considerations.

Justice Souter noted that state jurisdiction determined issues of taxation, zoning, environmental protection, elections, education, residency, insurance, building codes, historic preservation, and which laws apply.

In a 44-page opinion filled with historical references, he rejected New York state's contention that an 1834 agreement between the two states gave New York sovereign authority over the filled land.

Justices John Paul Stevens, Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas vigorously dissented. The evidence indicates that the millions of immigrants entering the country, as well as

York," Justice Stevens wrote. "For many of the immigrants, their journey to America began with a steamship ticker with the deslination listed as 'New York,'

He criticized Justice Souter's opinion as resting "on a hypertechnical focus on detail that overlooks the significance of the record as a whole."

Justice Stevens added: "Now New York's share of the island is an enclave within New

Jersey's share of the island." The U.S. Justice Department had supported

New Jersey in the long-running legal battle. ■ High-Speed Chase Suit Is Rejected

The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that police officers cannot in most cases be forced to pay damages under a federal civil rights law for killing or injuring someone during a highspeed chase, The Associated Press reported.

The court decided unanimously that the parents of a California teenager who was struck and killed by a deputy's car could not sue the deputy under the civil rights law. It said that police could be held liable only when

their actions would "shock the conscience." The court rejected a more lenient standard urged by the youth's parents, whose lawsuit

the hundreds of residents of the island, be-lieved that Ellis Island was located in New constitutional rights in 1990 by engaging in a dangerous pursuit at speeds approaching 100 miles an hour.

"We hold that high-speed chases with no intent to harm suspects physically or to worsen their legal plight do not give rise to liability under the Fourteenth Amendment" and federal civil rights law, Justice Souter

wrote for the court.

A police officer deciding whether to give chase must balance on one hand the need to stop a suspect and show that flight from the law is no way to freedom, and, on the other, the high-speed threat to everyone within stopping range, be they suspects, their passengers,

other drivers or bystanders," he wrote. The ruling reversed a federal appeals court decision that Teri and Thomas Lewis, the parents of Philip Lewis, could sue a Sacramento County sheriff's deputy, James Smith, over the death of their 16-year-old son.

The youth was a passenger on a motorcycle that failed to stop when another deputy tried to flag it down. The pursuit went on through several stop signs, forcing two cars and a bicyclist off the road, before the motorcycle skidded to a halt. Mr. Smith tried to stop his car but hit Paul Lewis. The youth was pronounced dead at the scene.

NEW YORK - A laserbased system for detecting air turbulence and other invisible hazards to planes has been tested at Kennedy International Airport with results that could improve airline safety and help weather fore-

The technique uses lasers to listen for the sound of rapidly moving air. The first application is for detecting the wake behind big jets, which can toss smaller planes much as the wake of a big ship can

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By Matthew L. Wald New York Times Service

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Soon, they hope, the lasers will let them pinpoint distant dangers that radar can miss. Already the scientists are

adding to the database about the corkscrew-like vortex that comes off each wing tip of planes in flight, generating turbulence that can cause planes following too close to

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There is mounting evidence that all of these weather phenomena and man-made vortices generate sound," said Frank Rees, the inventor of the system, which is based water for ships and subma-

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Budget Surplus at \$39 Billion

WASHINGTON - With tax revenues swollen by a strong economy and a booming stock market, the Clinton administration said Tuesday that the nation's budget surplus is expected to hit a record \$39 billion this year.

POLITICAL NOTES

America can now turn off the deficit clock and turn on the surplus clock," President Bill Clinton said in a Rose Garden ceremony.

The windfall is sure to intensify political pressure for tax cuts and spending increases. But Mr. Clinton said again that the money should be reserved for strengthening Social Security.

Once the solvency of the Social Security system is guaranteed, he said, the nation can open a debate next year

about cutting taxes. Just five months ago, Mr. Clinton predicted a deficit of \$22 billion. But a torrent of money has been pouring into the Treasury thanks to the strong economy, leaving

economists scrambling to update their forecasts. This is, of course, very good news for the American people," the president said. "Now it's official that this year, well ahead of the most ambitious schedule, America has balanced the budget."

Representative's Big Ambition

WASHINGTON - Springtime in Washington makes Bob Livingston the man to see. As chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, he allocates the money that keeps the government running and keeps members of Congress in good standing at home. Now he has declared that he wants to be speaker of the House.

The dual roles fit hand in glove.

As a candidate for speaker, Mr. Livingston, a Re-

publican from Louisiana, needs to please his colleagues to win their votes. As chairman of Appropriations, he has a

very direct way of pleasing them.

Adding to the intrigue over Mr. Livingston is the aggression he has shown in pursuing the job - which is not open.

The speaker's position - behind the vice president's in succession to the presidency - may not be open for three more years. Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, is volubly filling the role while toying with a run for president, a decision he has said he will not announce until Labor Day of 1999.

Even then, he might not resign as speaker, a job the rules allow him to keep until Jan. 3, 2003. And Mr. Livingston says he supports Mr. Gingrich as long as he wants to stay.

But Mr. Livingston has also been forceful in seeking support. And many of his colleagues worry that his pursuit of a job that is not open is an overt symptom of a House already destabilized by Mr. Gingrich's unpredictable style and uncertain future.

Several committee chairmen recently wrote Mr. Livingston telling him that his actions were premature and

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Prime Minister Jean Chretien of Canada, dismissing a report that he had expressed concern that U.S. Secret Service agents could be forced to testify in court about what they see during a visit to the White House: "I don't have any problem with that with any country in the world. I take whatever security that they give to me."

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Drive Falters to Curb Labor's Election Spending combined total of \$2.1 million is almost costing the Republicans control of the House, has campaigned for almost \$20 million into the effort. By David S. Broder

Washington Post Service

SACRAMENTO — The Repub- coast. lican drive to choke off the flow of candidates and causes has hit a huge roadblock in its crucial test on the

June 2 California ballot. Support for the "Paycheck Protection" initiative, which would require an annual, written authoripolitical use of any dues money, has eroded from an early lead of more than 2 to 1 to the point where it may

The outcome has national importance for both parties. Labor has been the biggest single contributor to Democratic campaigns, investing at least \$119 million in the last election cycle. President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore both denounced Proposition 226, as it is known, in

California appearances. The speaker of the House, Newt Gingrich, Republican of Georgia, who blames the 1996 union ads for

"Paycheck Protection" from coast to

Sam Kovnat, chairman of Flight Safety Technologies, checking his company's detectors at Kennedy airport.

prestige and possible presidential hopes on its approval, blamed the turnabout on an "avalanche" of negative radio and television ads, mailings and phone calls from labor.

"fronically, they are attempting to zation from each union member for black out the truth by using the same abusive, corrupt technique of checkoff without consent that this initiative would stop," Mr. Wilson said. "But I think people will see through it and

we will win." Private tracking polls show Proposition 226 dropping close to or even below 50 percent after enjoying initial support from more than 70 percent of the voters. A Los Angeles Times poll reported Saturday that the initiative is supported by 51 percent committee has taken in. of the likely voters and opposed by 37

National labor officials have said that stopping the initiative is one of ceipts of only \$214,576. The

The "Paycheck Protection" cause has been hampered by disputes Pete Wilson, the Republican governor who has staked his political unwillingness of major California business organizations to go to the

mat against labor. The falloff jeopardizes hopes by national conservative and Republican leaders that Proposition 226 would be duplicated across the coun-

Going into the closing drive, op-ponents outspent Proposition 226 backers \$11 million to \$1 million on broadcast advertising. Mr. Wilson recently loaned Californians for Paycheck Protection \$550,000 from his own political action committee to help pay for a closing TV drive. Overall, Mr. Wilson has supplied almost two-thirds of the \$1.9 million that the

A separate "Yes on 226" committee conducting a grass-roots campaign for the initiative reported re-

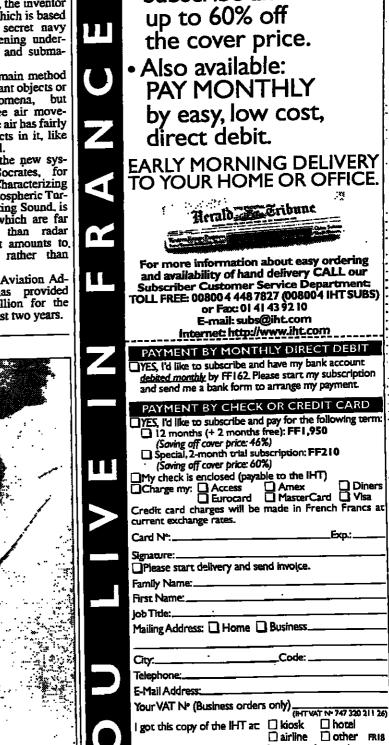
dwarfed by the \$19.3 million reported by five labor and teachers' groups

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advocate a "yes" vote, they can be weather phenomena, but financed through tax-exempt foundations and the two groups do not ments unless the air has fairly have to report what was spent on them. John Berthoud, president of the raindrops or hail. National Taxpayers Union, says his group has committed "over \$1 mil-

Last winter, the unions paid for a signature-gathering operation big bulence Emanating Sound is enough to qualify a counterinitiative to use lasers, which are far that would have curbed business's more precise than radar political contributions.

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After the lead car crashed and its occupants with aluminum baseball bats or metal poles. One teenager was killed and two were seriously

Oregon School Reopens in Prayer

just outside Thurston High School and prayed for an end to violence as they returned to classes for the first time since a shooting rampage in which two teenagers were killed. In the cafeteria where Kip Kinkel, 15, allegedly opened fire, the bullet holes have been patched and painted over. And students were welcomed back with a free, hot breakfast. For those who could not face going back inside, breakfast was also offered in an

eadjacent courtyard. Students held hands and bowed their heads in prayer,

— Hundreds of students people who were killed or ingathered in a circle Tuesday jured Thursday. They were messages and mementos.

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Tokyo Gas Attacker Gets Life Term

TOKYO — One of five cult members who released sarin nerve gas in the Tokyo subway system three years ago received a sentence of life imprisonment Tuesday.

Ikuo Hayashi, once a senior member of Aum Shinrikyo, could have received the death penalty for the attack in 1995, which killed 12 persons and made thou-

'Given the cruelty and the grave consequences of the crime as well as the victims' feelings and the social impact the crime has caused, the death penalty would have been obvious," said the presiding judge, Megumi Yamamuro, in Tokyo District Court.

But he said that Mr. Hayashi had turned himself in and that his confessions had helped in the prosecution of other cult members, including the lead-

er, Shoko Asahara. Mr. Hayashi had also shown deep remorse, the judge noted.

The sentencing was the first among the 14 principal defendants accused of staging the attack in the subway system on March 20, 1995.

Mr. Hayashi and other cult members released sarin on crowded commuter trains during the morning rush hour by using umbrellas with sharpened tips to puncture plastic bags filled with the

Mr. Hayashi, 51, a former heart surgeon at the prestigious Keio University Hospital in Tokyo, apologized to the victims of the attack.

Mr. Asahara, who is the subject of 17

prosecutions, is accused of ordering the subway attack. Apart from Mr. Hayashi and four members involved in actually releasing sarin gas, the other main cult defendants are accused of acting as

lookouts or driving getaway cars.

Prosecutors say Mr. Asahara be-lieved that the end of the world was near and that the sect should wage a terrorist campaign to bring down the govern-ment and give the cult control of Ja-

Despite the prosecutions, Japanese authorities are concerned that the cult is

stepping up its activities.
In late April, it gathered 300 followers for a one-week seminar at a site near Tokyo, where it managed to collect 24 million yen (\$175,000), a recent po-



Ikuo Hayashi, shown in 1995 after his arrest in the subway gas attack.

Cult Targeted Millions

But Germ Attacks in Japan Were Failures

The following article was reported by Sheryl WuDunn, Judith Miller and William J. Broad and was written by Mr.

NEW YORK - In repeated germ attacks in the early 1990s, an obscure Japanese cult tried to kill millions of people throughout Tokyo and, a cultist has now testified, at nearby U.S. bases where thousands of troops and their families live.

The biological strikes were not detected at the time and their significance has only recently become clear to Japanese officials still investigating the Aum Shinrikyo cult's activities.

As far as is known, there were no deaths. But an examination of court testimony and confessions by the cult's members, as well as interviews with Japanese and U.S. officials, shows that its germ attacks were far more numerous than previously known.

Hoping to ignite an apocalyptic war, the group sprayed pestilential microbes and germ toxins from rooftops and convoys of trucks. Its members have testified that the targets included the Japanese Parliament, the Imperial Palace, the surrounding city and the U.S. base at Yokosuka, which is headquarters of the

For U.S. officials trying to build up the country's defenses against germ terrorism, the drama has encouraging aspects. It suggests that such attacks can be harder to carry out than many had thought and that governments can find ways to in-

crease the difficulties even more. Most fundamentally, the officials say, the cult's five-year effort to sow terror and death with lethal microbes shows that germ warfare is no longer the sole province of rogue states but is within reach of extremists with a scientific

Acknowledging such threats, President Bill Clinton announced a series of measures last week to enhance germ defenses, including the stockpiling of antibiotics and vaccines.

Aum Shinrikyo burst into the headlines in 1995 when it released chemical nerve gas into Tokyo's subways, killing a dozen people. Its biological work, meant to be thousands of times more devastating, was mentioned only in passing in scattered reports.

The cult carried out at least nine biological attacks. The strikes failed largely because Aum never got its hands on germs of sufficient virulence.

The full extent of the cult's activities may never be known. Japanese authorities knew nothing of the germ danger until long after the attacks had occurred and key evidence had been destroyed. Moreover, a top cultist with germ

knowledge was killed. Today, Washington sees the cuit's efforts at biologic Armageddon as a wake-up call and a spur to curb the free exchange of microbes that has helped the world's scientists crush diseases around the

Washington was stunned in the late 1980s and early 1990s when it realized that germ banks used by U.S. researchers had inadvertently delivered toxic microbes to the military forces of Saddam Hussein as well as to domestic

In recent years the government has begun a quiet campaign to tighten access to hazardous germs. So far. however, it has had little success getting similar safeguards adopted by hundreds of foreign germ repositories, including those in Japan.

William Patrick 3d, who helped make U.S. biological weapons before President Richard Nixon outlawed them nearly three decades ago, said it was essential for world safety to restrict germ commerce. A particular species of harmful mi-

said. Only one such strain might pose exceptional dangers of sickness and For would-be terrorists, he added,

crobe might come in dozens or even

hundreds of subvarieties. Mr. Patrick

getting the most infectious and virulent culture for the seed stock is the greatest hurdle."

Fearing that Iran and Iraq would use germ weapons in their war, U.S. policymakers cut off pathogen expons to the combatants. The Commerce Department acted Feb. 23, 1989. A ban was declared on the shipment of dozens of pernicious microbes not only to Iran and Iraq but also to Libya and Syria, which were also suspected of trying to acquire germ weapons.

We knew we were sitting on a time bomb," said a federal official who helped set the policy.

Raising the issue internationally, the United States asked its allies to impose similar restrictions. But little happened until the Gulf War in 1991, when coalition members came to fear that Baghdad was preparing attacks with germs that Washington had put into Iraqi hands years earlier.

Late in 1992 the Australia Group, an informal body of more than 20 industrialized nations that share intelligence on technologies useful for making weapons, called on its members to end exports of scores of human pathogens to

But the call came in the form of recommendations, not rules. The group's advice carried little or no weight with dozens of nonmember states, many of which freely exported germs and saw multinational controls as a conspiracy to keep them developmentally backward.

In addition, there was a threat that the belated patchwork of export controls, missed entirely. Aimed at rogue states, they did nothing to limit the sale of deadly germs within countries, not even to suspicious groups or individuals.

Aum's biological arms chief was Seiichi Endo. Born in 1960 and once a graduate student in biology at Kyoto University, he had the title of health and welfare minister. In theory, his job was simple: He was to find a few lethal germs, feed them special foods, grow them to astronomical numbers and tum the resulting brew into a widely dispersible material, preferably a fine mist or powder that could easily penetrate

human lungs. His first effort, authorities say, focused on the botulism microbe, known as Clostridium botulinum, which produces the strongest known poison against humans. When ingested, the toxin quickly paralyzes muscles and lungs. It is far more deadly than any nerve gas — except that it loses much of its potency when inhaled. And no one knows what respiratory dose is lethal.

For terrorists, the microbe is nonetheless attractive since it is rather easily found in nature.

A month after it obtained the microbes, in April 1990, the cult sent a convoy of three trucks rumbling into the streets of central Tokyo to spray poisonous mists. Shigeo Sugimoto, the guru's chauffeur and one of the drivers that day, later testified in court. He said the convoy then crisscrossed the wider Tokyo Bay region to attack U.S. bases. It first moved south to the U.S. Navy installation at Yokohama, then to the sprawling base at Yokosuka.

A Hong Kong Dilemma

Clinton Opts Not to Meet Privately With Lee

By John Pomfret

HONG KONG — U.S. officials have told Martin Lee, the leader of opposition forces in Hong Kong that won 60 percent of the popular vote in an election here this week, that President Bill Clinton has no plans to meet with him privately during his planned stopover here in June, sources said Tuesday.

State Department officials have suggested instead that Mr. Clinton meet with Mr. Lee and the leaders of the other political parties in Hong Kong, including several pro-Beijing parties, which won seats in the voting Sunday.

Mr. Lee's office strongly opposes that plan, an aide to his Democratic Party said, because it implies that Mr. Lee's status and those of the pro-Beijing groups, some of which did not participate in the directly elected portion of the vote, are equal.

Sources close to the Hong Kong politician said a State Department official told Mr. Lee on May 15 that Mr. Clinton would not meet with him alone or with other democratic activists because he is worried about offending China.

Mr. Clinton met alone with Mr. Lee in April 1997 for 25 minutes in the White House,

'It is very different to see someone in the U.S. as opposed to in their own country," the aide to Mr. Lee's Democratic Party quoted the State Depart-

ment official as saying. The sources added that on May 11, Richard Boucher, the U.S. consul general in Hong Kong, proposed that Mr. Clinton meet Mr. Lee in a group.

A source close to Hong Kong's Democratic Party said: "What they are trying to do is to dilute the message of meeting with Martin by injecting these pro-China people into it. Is that the right

thing to do? Garnering 143,843 votes, Mr. Lee was the most popular candidate in the elec-tions Sunday and was among 20 opposition candidates who won seats in the Legislative Council. Pro-Beijing candidates took 40 seats under rules written, many analysts said, to ensure that opposition candidates did not win a majority. Regardless, the democrats' victory marked the creation of the first opposition

bloc on mainland China in history. In the election, only 20 seats were directly elected; 30 seats were elected by small groups of professionals, some with fewer than 100 voters; a final 10 seats were decided by a committee of 800 people, handpicked by the pro-Beijing Hong Kong government

Mr. Clinton is tentatively scheduled to come to Hong Kong, which returned to Chinese control on July 1, 1997, after 156 years of British rule, after he completes a summit meeting in Beijing with President Jiang Zemin in late June.

The trip follows Mr. Jiang's U.S. visit in October. That summit meeting, the first official state visit between a Chinese and U.S. leader since 1989, marked a watershed in relations between Washington and Beijing after years of drift. Mr. Clinton's trip has become con-

troversial in the United States because

of reports that U.S. companies supplied

China with sensitive missile technology

and the daughter of a Chinese general

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was alleged by one Democratic Party donor to have funneled money to Mr. Clinton's re-election campaign from China's military. In addition, Mr. Clin-

have furthered triggered criticism. Some members of Congress have called on Mr. Clinton to postpone his trip. The president has rebuffed those demands, and on Tuesday, Senator Jeff Bingaman, in Beijing, quoted a senior Chinese official as saying that Mr. Clinton had used a hot line, established during the previous summit meeting, to inform Mr. Jiang that he was coming despite congressional criticism. The New Mex-

ico Democrat quoted the Chinese official as saying that the call marked the first use

Martin Lee celebrating his election in Hong Kong with his wife, Amelia.

of the hot line by the U.S. side. Among the political leaders Mr. Clinton would meet during his visit would be such staunch allies of Beijing as Ambrose Lau, head of the Hong Kong Proton's plans to visit Tiananmen Square, gressive Alliance, who was awarded a seat Sunday in the Legislative Council the site of student-led demonstrations that Beijing cracked down on in 1989, by the committee of 800.

Mr. Lee, speaking Tuesday at the Hong Kong Foreign Correspondents Club, intimated strongly that he hoped Mr. Clinton would meet him alone because he, not Chief Executive Tung Chee-hwa, was "really elected by the Hong Kong people."
"So really it is a question for Bill

Clinton to act in such a way that he doesn't just speak in support of democracy but that he acts consistently with what he says," Mr. Lee said.

Pakistan to Arm Residents Of Kashmir Near India Border

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -- The government of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir will arm residents of some key border villages to counter any raids by Indian troops, the state chief executive

said Tuesday.

The top Pakistan official in the area.
Sultan Mahmood, said that arms would be given to committees to provide selfdefense to villages threatened by raids from the Indian-held part of the disputed Himalayan region.

He said about 150 villages along a United Nations-monitored Line of Control had been selected where committees of up to 15 people each would be given rifles and communications equipment.

They will fill a strategic gap left by Pakistani forces that do not cover the entire 720-kilometer (450-mile) line that divides Kashmir, he added. Tensions between the two archrivals were heightened by five Indian nuclear

tests this month and Indian warnings of pro-active action against separatist Kashmiri militants who it says take refuge in Pakistan-held Kashmir. General Jehangir Karamat, a Pakistan Army chief, told his troops Monday that

control line and that such a move could rrigger a Pakistani response. The situation in Kashmir is very grave," Mr. Mahmood said. "They are riolating the cease-fire line."

On Saturday, Prime Minister Nawaz

India might operate along the Kashmir

Sharif said any Indian "misadventure" in Kashmir would be resolutely met. The two states have fought two of their three wars since 1947 over Kashmir. two-thirds of which is ruled by India and the rest by Pakistan.

A small UN force monitors the control line, and Pakistan has demanded that it be reinforced against any Indian incursion, Western diplomats said. Pakistan and India accused one another's troops last week of firing across

■ Troops Exchange Fire

the control line.

Indian defense sources said clashes with Pakistan along the disputed Kashmiri border heightened Tuesday as troops exchanged shell, artillery and mortar fire in the heaviest fighting in recent days, The Associated Press reported from Jammu, India.

There were no immediate reports of casualties.

Although such clashes are routine, it is unusual for them to be officially reported. The Indian sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, accused Pakistan of building up its troops along the border. More Indian troops were being brought in to match the Pakistani buildup, they said, refusing to give figures.

India repeatedly accuses Pakistan of arming and training Muslim militants in Indian Kashmir. Militant Kashmiri Muslims seek independence or unity with Pakistan, officially an Islamic state.

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Burma Allows Dissident Meeting

BANGKOK - Burma's military government said Tuesday that it would allow the opposition National League for Democracy to hold a gathering Wednesday through Friday to mark its unrecognized election victory in 1990. The ruling State Peace and Development Council re-

versed a previous decision that called on the opposition to forgo the gathering to preserve peace. On Tuesday, the government said that it had informed National League for Democracy that it could "conduct the

If the gathering goes ahead, it will be the first time the military has allowed the opposition to mark the anniversary

ceremony in accordance with existing rules and regu-

China to Accept Taiwan Rulings

BEIJING — China's Supreme Court said Tuesday that it would accept rulings by Taiwan's civil courts to protect the rights of residents of the island.

Rulings by civil courts and arbitration by institutions in Taiwan would have the same validity as law in China after confirmation by Chinese courts, the Xinhua press agency quoted the Supreme People's Court vice president, Tang Dehua, as saying.

Mr. Tang tempered the decision by the Supreme Court, saying it did not mean that Beijing had accepted Taiwan's legal system or that it had surrendered its claim to legal and administrative power over the island. (Reuters)

Australia Marks 'Sorry Day'

SYDNEY - Aborigine elders wept and church bells rang out across the country Tuesday as Australia held a national day of commemoration for the thousands of Ab-

origine children forcibly removed from their families. Ceremonies were held to mark the first "Sorry Day," named after "sorry business," an Aboriginal term for ceremonies of grief. From the 1910s until the early 1970s, as many as 100,000 Aboriginal children were removed from their families and put in government care. (AP)

Estrada Names Foes to Cabinet

MANILA — Joseph Estrada, who is certain to become the next president of the Philippines, on Tuesday appointed two political opponents to his cabinet.

The appointments were in line with Mr. Estrada's agreement with outgoing President Fidel Ramos to set up a "government of national unity." Mr. Estrada appointed Alexander Aguirre, a retired army general, as national security adviser. Mr. Aguirre served as executive secretary in the outgoing cabinet. Mr. Estrada picked Gloria Macapagal Arrovo, the top vote-metter for the title presidential post, as Arroyo, the top vote-getter for the vice presidential post, as social welfare secretary. Mrs. Arroyo was the running mate of Jose de Venecia, candidate of Mr. Ramos's party. (Reuters)





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Georgia Is Disrupted By Wave of Refugees

Separatists Accused of Ethnic Cleansing During Resurgence of Abkhazia Fighting

> By Celestine Bohlen New York Times Service

MOSCOW - A flare-up in a fiveyear-old conflict over the Black Sea region of Abkhazia forced Presidem Eduard Shevardnadze of Georgia to cancel his country's annual independence day ceremonies Tuesday and to accept another wave of tens of thousands of refugees fleeing across the in-

guri River.
"It is a great tragedy," said Pytor
Mamradze, Mr. Shevardnadze's chief of staff, in a phone interview from Tbilisi, the Georgian capital. "Ethnic cleansing is a crime, which unfortunately in this case no one did anything to

Fighting between Abkhazian separatists and Georgian militias broke out several days ago in the western district of Gali, an area that has become a buffer zone between the breakaway republic of Abkhazia and Georgian-held territory. The area is policed by a Russian battalion assigned by the Commonwealth of Independent States to keep the

Mr. Shevardnadze, who as foreign minister played a key role in the dis-solution of the Soviet empire, had planned a military parade to celebrate the 80th anniversary of Georgia's first independent republic on Tuesday. But, in a sign of the serious impact of the developments on Georgia's internal politics, he abruptly called off the celebrations and banned all anti-government demonstrations.

In recent years, Mr. Shevardnadze, who was the target of a failed assassination attempt several months ago. has complained of Russian interference

in the Caucasus region.

The complaint has intensified in the battle over competing routes for the transit of crude oil from central Asia to western Europe. One proposed route would go through southern Russia. while another would pass through Geor-

Georgian leaders again accused the Russians on Tuesday of failing to protect the civilian population in the Gali district after an estimated 2,000 Abkhazian forces, armed with grenade launchers and light artillery, launched an offensive against Georgian guerrilla bands, razing villages and driving out ethnic Georgian residents.

Similar charges were made in 1993

when Russian peacekeepers stood by as Abkhazian forces violated a cease-fire and seized the regional capital of

Even after the signing of a cease-fire agreement Monday night between Georgian and Abkhazian foreign ministers, thousands of Georgians continued to flee across the Inguri as black smoke rose from their villages.

The latest outbreak of violence has again put to the test the ability of an estimated 1,500 Russian peacekeepers, and a mission of 100 United Nations Observers to steer Georgia and Abkhazia toward a peaceful settlement.

The resettlement of refugees in the Gali region has been one of the most troublesome issues at ongoing Geor-gian-Abkhazian talks in Geneva under United Nations auspices.

"This has changed the situation a lot," said Liviu Bota, the UN special

representative in Georgia, in a phone interview from Tbilisi. During the last two years, some 50,000 refugees had returned, and we were hopeful they could consolidate their position.

This is a big disappointment, but we will continue to move the peace process

Diplomats and analysts in Moscow say that the Russian role in the crisis has been more neutral than in 1993.

■ Bering Strait Shootings

Russian border guards shot and killed two crew members of a Chinese fishing vessel and wounded five after the U.S. Coast Guard tipped them off that the vessel was poaching in the Bering Strait, Reuters reported from Vladivostok,

A spokesman for the Federal Border Guard Service said in Moscow that the guards had opened fire on the boat in the strait Monday after it failed to stop and the crew ignored warning shots.

The border guards' duty officer said that a U.S. Coast Guard aircraft patrolling the area had warned the Russians about the poachers in the strait separating the two countries.

The plane was there because of a bad ice situation in the strait," the of-

A Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Moscow that five members of the 26-member crew of the boat, the Zong Long-37, had been wounded and that the boat was being escorted to a



ROYAL DISPLAY -- Athens monarchists hailing King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain during a visit on Tuesday. She was a Greek princess and her brother was king.

If Norway Will Pay for It, Russia Will Scrap Subs

MOSCOW — President Borrs Yeltsin said Tuesday that Russia would dismantle all its old nuclear submarines in the Barents Sea region if Norway provided credits to help it do so.

We do not need the submarines now, especially nuclear submarines. Mr. Yeltsin said after talks here with King Harald V of Norway. Mr. Yeltsin said Russia's Far North was "saturated with nuclear objects" and acknowledged Norway's concerns.

"We must solve the financial question," he said. "If the financial side is solved in the form of credits from the Norwegian side, we will immediately start dismantling the submarines."
It was not clear how the king had reacted to the

proposal and Mr. Yeltsin did not say how much money Russia would need. Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov later

made it clear that Russia was offering to scrap only old submarines that were destined to be decommissioned. "We are not talking about those submarines that are patrolling the region, that are on active duty," he said. (Reuters)

German Nuclear Industry Apologizes to Minister

BONN - Germany's nuclear industry apologized to Environment Minister Angela Merkel on Tuesday for a political scandal over its failure to report radiation leaks from nuclear waste shipments.

She came under pressure from opposition parties to resign following revelations of conamination on the outer casing of nuclear waste containers since the 1980s.

Wilfried Steuer, president of the German Nuclear Forum, praised the minister at an annual meeting of industry experts in Munich, calling her a "dedicated advocate of the nuclear industry." He urged her not to turn her back on it now.

The controversy involves shipments of spent fuel rods from nuclear power stations in southern Germany to reprocessing plants in France and Britain and then back to Germany for storage. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's security coordin-

ator, Bernd Schmidbauer, who also addressed delegates at the meeting, attacked German plant operators for concealing the leaks. "They have gambled away public trust which was invested in them." Mr. Schmidbauer said. (Reuters)

Denial on Nazi Gold

ZURICH - Swiss insurance companies insisted Tuesday that they had played only a minor, indirect role during World War II in pressing for Switzerland to accept Nazi gold.

A historians' report made public Monday said the insurance companies joined with banks in urging Switzerland to accept the gold right up to the end of the war in 1945. The historians said there were plenty of warnings that the Nazis had been amassing tainted gold.

The Swiss insurance association said in Basel

that the companies had played only a minor role and only in the final phase of the war. Riccardo Jagmetti, president of the organization, said the insurers were trying to cover debts owed them by German borrowers.

PCBs to Dolphins: Diplomacy Affects The Environment

By Thomas W. Lippman Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Negotiators from 29 countries were nearing agreement on a treaty to restrict the production and use of toxic chemicals when the Russian delegates made a sheepish confession.

Their country would not be able to comply with the pact's requirements, they said, because Russia still produces and uses polychlorinated biphenyls, which are known as PCBs, the poisonous chemicals that were banned years ago in the United States and most other industrialized countries.

"Delegations were quite surprised by the revelation. according to a State_Department account of the February meeting, because "the government of Russia had previously given oral assurances to some European governments that new production

had ceased. This is a diplomatic arena still produces, uses and may and low sperm counts. export PCBs - which may be more dangerous to more people than plutonium - has

attracted little attention. Aside from the global climate change conference in Kyoto, Japan, last year, the State Department's environmental negotiators operate have not been busy.

State Secretary predecessor, Warren Chrison the theory that environmental degradation leads to political unrest, cross-border delegates were able to comtensions, economic setbacks and the flight of refugees.

Last week, Mrs. Albright

presided at a State Department ceremony at which the United mark.

States, five Latin American countries and Vanuatu agreed on measures to protect dolphins during tuna-tishing op-

erations. In March, the United States and 94 other countries negonated a "prior informed consent" treaty, requiring exporters of 27 dangerous pesticides and industrial chemicals to demonstrate that the countries they are shipping to know what they are receiving and

what the risks are. Bilateral agreements will lead to phaseouts of leaded gasoline in Cairo. Moscow and other polluted capitals.

An agreement reached in Ma: with Russia and the members of the Group of Sever leading industrialized nations will provide satellite observation data to countries fighting forest fires.

The revelation about Russian PCB production came during negotiations to secure a global pact to ban or limit the production and use of persistent organic pollutthat attracts few spectators, ants," or POPS - chemical That Russia still produces compounds such as PCBs and plutonium in its nuclear the insecticide DDT that weapons factories has been cause health problems, inwell publicized; that Russia cluding cancer, birth defects

It turns out that Russia's electric power grid still depends on transformers manufactured with PCBs, an industrial compound that lingers in soil and water and

builds up in animal tissue. Alternatives exist, but U.S. and other negotiators accepmostly out of the media spot- ted the Russians' argument light. That does not mean they that their country lacks the money to convert.

As a result, negotiators Madeleine Albright, like her granted Russia a special exemption from the treaty altopher, has stressed the en-vironment as a national se-continue until 2005 and postcurity and diplomatic issue, poning destruction of the last stocks until 2020.

With that compromise, the plete work in February on the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants, which is to be signed next month in Den-

Denmark Vote Could Derail EU Treaty

prepares for a referendum Thursday on the latest European Union treaty. thoughts inevitably turn to 1992, when the Danes did the unthinkable by rejecting the Maastricht treaty.

Six years later, the country of 5 million people is regarded as the only EU member that might not ratify the Amsterdam treaty, the nearly year-old agreement intended to reform institutions as the EU prepares to expand eastward. Two opinion surveys published

Tuesday showed opposite trends. A Gallup Poll indicated that the lead of treaty supporters had narrowed to 8 percentage points from 10 in a previous survey, while a Sonar survey suggested that the supporters' lead had widened to 16 percentage points from 14 in Sonar's previous poll.

Like its predecessor, the Amsterdam treaty must be ratified by all EU members to come into force. A negative result would inevitably summon up the turmoil that greeted the shock result of the Danish referendum on June 2, 1992.

Prime Minister Poul Nyrup sociology at Aarhus University. n, a Social Democrat, h thrown his full weight behind the "yes" campaign for the latest treaty.

Still, he is cautiously optimistic. Past experience has shown that no match is ever won before the final whistle," he said, recalling Denmark's rejection of the Maastricht treaty.

There are still a lot of undecideds who have a healthy skepticism toward Europe, and I understand that," he said, adding that he would "continue to fight until the day of the vote to explain and convince the undecideds to make the right choice."

The Maastricht treaty dealt with fundamental issues that are still controversial among Danes — the single currency, a joint EU defense and EU authority over some areas of domestic affairs. Just 46,000 votes made the difference in the 1992 vote, when the "no" vote won by

50.7 percent to 49.3 percent. The language of the Maastricht treaty, especially the frequent use of the word union, probably alienated some voters, said Ole Borre, professor of political

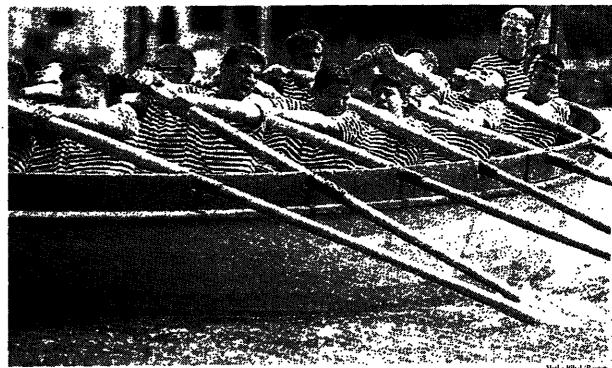
relationship," he said. "As soon as you open the Maastricht treaty, that word stares you in the face. It was like telling the voters, 'You have had your economic ties, now how about a bit of sex.'

After months of political chaos, EU leaders agreed in December 1992 at Edinburgh on a special status for Denmark under the treaty. It gave the country exemptions from taking part in the single currency, common defense, union citizenship and police and legal cooperation.

In a referendum on May 18, 1993, Danes voted 57 percent to 43 percent in favor of the revised treaty.

Former Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen on Tuesday predicted a narrow victory for the "yes" camp in the referendum Thursday, adding that a negative result would be a problem for Denmark.

'It will be a close race." he said. "I shall be deeply worried until I see a narrow 'yes' on the night of the 28th."



FULL STEAM AHEAD — Croatian cadets competing in a race at the naval academy near Split on Tuesday.

Schools in East on the Slide

Post-Communist Education Is More Costly and Erratic

the developing economies of Central and Eastern Europe with few options. and the former Soviet Union is now worse in some ways than under communism, ac-

children's agency report issued Tuesday. As the region's cashstrapped governments tussle Florence, which compiled the with the change to free-mar-report. ket economics, the cost of education has risen and less national systems have money is available to improve it, according to the

Unicef study of 27 countries. Many youngsters in the region who would have attencating the region's nearly 115 from about 670,000 in 1989. ded school a decade ago no longer do so because of the high cost of education, war or report says. Furthermore, the quality of education that children receive is more erratic and depends more on their parents' wealth than before, it

says.
"In the upheavals since. the achievements of the communist system have been threatened, a background document to the report says. "In many countries, education can no longer prepare children for the future.

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The Associated Press failings of communist-style Many countries' schools GENEVA — Education in education, asserting that it are in "dire disrepair," the developing economies of was rigid and left children report said, and heating in

Some education reforms since communism's demise nearly a decade ago have been cording to a United Nations positive, said John Micklewright, research head of the Unicef International Child Development Center

But numerous changes in worsened the situation, Mr. tention have declined. Micklewright said in an overview to the study.
The cost to families of edu-

million youngsters has risen sharply, the study said. "Reports abound in some social changes, the 135-page parts of the region of parents' paying teachers in state schools for extra lessons, of having to bribe to secure good exam marks and of having to make contributions to get

> schools, Mr. Micklewright Education spending has dropped in almost all countries, with especially deep cuts in Georgia, Azerbaijan and Bulgaria, In Bulgaria,

winter has become a serious problem in several countries. including Kyrgyzstan, Moldova and Macedonia.

Enrollment and attendance have dropped, especially in less-developed countries.

More than 30,000 preschools countries. closed in the former Soviet Union from 1991 to 1995. School meals, after-school

supervision and medical at-For example, 250,000 Georgian children received health checks in 1996, down

nanced upper secondary and private schools may help more able children and those from better-off families, but does little for others, Mr. Micklewright said.

War severely disrupted the education of thousands of their children into good youngsters in Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Georgia. Azerbaijan and Tajikistan.

The report recommends, among other measures, more flexibility in pupil selection, examination and teaching reforms and an investigation of SHERATON BUSINESS TRAVELLER SERVICES



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outlays have fallen almost 75 child labor and its links to The study also highlights percent, the report said. school attendance.

Gingrich Tells Knesset: **Jerusalem Is the Capital**

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In an outspoken speech to the Israeli Parliament on Tuesday, Newt Gingrich, the U.S. House speaker, went beyond the bounds of American foreign policy and declared Jerusalem "the united and eternal cap-

· Mr. Gingrich, who is scheduled to meet Wednesday with Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian leader, angered Palestinian officials with his pro-Israel stance and attacks on the Clinton administration's

Middle East policy.
In comments following his speech, he

Renewed Wave Of Bombings Hits Algeria

ALGIERS — A bomb ripped through a market south of Algiers on Tuesday, killing seven people and wounding 20 others, security services said.

The bomb, according to witnesses, was hidden in a cow's carcass, which was being brought to a butcher's shop in the Khemis-Miliana market, 110 kilometers (70 miles) south of the capital.

There was no claim of responsibility. but such violence is usually blamed on militants leading an Islamic insur-

Another bomb was reported on Tuesday in Douira in the Tipaza district, west of Algiers. A resident, speaking by phone, said five people were wounded in the blast.

The bomb was planted by a bus

stop," a witness said. The blast in Ain Defla Province was the second bomb attack on a market in five days. On Friday, 16 people were killed and another 61 wounded at an open-air market in the El Harach suburb of Algiers.

A recent surge in violence in the area has been blamed by the authorities on members of the Armed Islamic Group, the most radical of Islamic groups fighting the government of President Liamine Zeroual of Algeria.

Bomb attacks against civilians are commonplace in Algeria, where an armed Islamic insurgency has been battling the authorities since 1992. Western former Israeli prime minister, of running and humanitarian sources estimate the a police state. violence has claimed some 65,000

Observers said the attack Tuesday appeared to mark a return by the Armed Islamic Group to attacks on civilian targets, which have been rising this month. In further bloodshed, six Algerian police officers were killed in two attacks by suspected militants of the Armed Islamic Group, Algerian papers reported Tuesday.

One attack occurred Monday near Algiers against police officers who were rael into a police state 'in trying to crush able brutality. about to put up a roadblock, the Tribune opposition to his peace agreement with newspaper reported. (AP, AFP, Reuters) the Palestinians.

accused Mr. Arafat's Palestinian Authority of "inciting violence" or "sug-"I think that's exactly wrong," he

Ahmed Qureia, speaker of the Palestinian Council, said: "Why does Gingrich hate the Palestinian cause so much? It's good for Gingrich to talk about Georgia, but he doesn't have the right to talk about a region where the two parties haven't reached a settlement.

A Palestinian official said it was still possible that Mr. Arafat might cancel his meeting with Mr. Gingrich to protest the congressman's positions.

The question of Jerusalem, claimed by both Israel and the Palestinians as their capital, is one of the most explosive in the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Clinton administration, like most world governments, has held off recognizing the city as Israel's capital until its final status is settled in peace talks.

In a news conference Tuesday evening, Mr. Gingrich appeared to be trying to soften his remarks on Jerusalem. Asked if the Palestinians had a right to the city, he said: "It's a perfect example of what needs to be in direct nego-tiations. The Palestinians and Mr. Arafat have to sit down and work it out with the

Israelis ' But in his speech before the Knesset. he said, "We in Congress stand with you today in recognizing Jerusalem as the united and eternal capital of Israel."

Three Arab-Israeli legislators heckled Dan Tichon, speaker of the Knesset, when he introduced Mr. Gingrich, then walked out before the congressman

Mr. Gingrich said he was not offended by their actions. "I was saddened, because it was a chance for views to be

exchanged," he said.

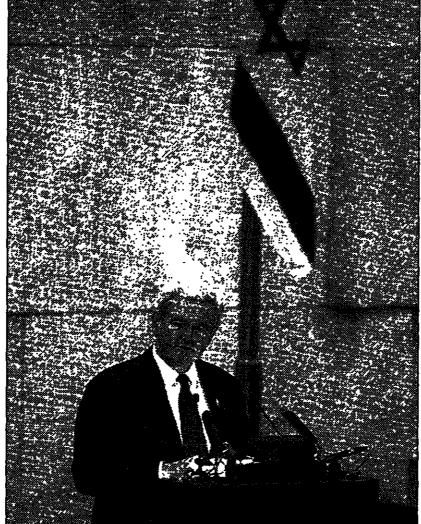
Mr. Gingrich has accused the Clinton administration of siding with the Palestinians by pressuring Israel to accept a

13 percent pullout from the West Bank. Israel alone must determine its security needs," he told the Israeli law-makers. "We cannot allow non-Israelis to substitute their judgment for the generals that Israel has trusted with its security. If Israel is to take risks for peace, as she often has done in the past, it must be risks she accepts, not risks that are imposed upon her.

Earlier Tuesday, Mr. Gingrich pulled out of a symposium on missile defenses that was to be chaired by a U.S. professor who has accused Yitzhak Rabin, a

The professor, Robert Loewenberg; said his remarks had been taken out of context and accused Israel politicians of creating controversy to embarrass Mr. Gingrich, an avid supporter of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu.

Mr. Gingrich refused to answer reporters' questions Tuesday about the symposium, which was to have taken place in the afternoon at the Parliament, with Mr. Gingrich as a key speaker.



Speaker Newt Gingrich addressing the Knesset in Jerusalem on Tuesday.

Clash in East Jerusalem Mayor Orders Razing of Saul

Mayor Orders Razing of Settlers' Dwellings

By Joel Greenberg New York Times Service

JERUSALEM - Jewish settlers built makeshift dwellings on disputed land in the Muslim Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem on Tuesday, setting off a melee between Israeli policemen and Palestinians and prompting the mayor of Jerusalem to issue a demolition order.

In the fighting that erupted at the building site, Palestinians pulled down a settlers' hut, and Palestinian cabinet members and lawmakers were shoved away by club-wielding border police-

Foundations for the unlicensed settlement were laid Monday without intervention by the Israeli authorities. By the time orders were issued Tuesday to stop the construction, it had mushroomed into a new flashpoint of conflict in East Jerusalem, aggravating the strained rela-tions between the Israeli government and the Palestinian Authority.

Tensions in East Jerusalem have been running high since Sunday, when Israel celebrated the 31st anniversary of its capture of the area from Jordan in the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

Palestinians claim East Jerusalem as the capital of their hoped-for state, and view any Israeli building there as an attempt to sabotage future talks on a final area will forever remain part of its undivided capital.

The Ateret Cohanim settlement group, which has bought properties and moved Jews into homes in the Muslim and Christian quarters of the Old City and elsewhere in East Jerusalem, made the new settlement attempt in response to the fatal stabbing of a settler earlier this month.

The settlers erected nine metal huts on Tuesday morning after pouring foundations Monday on a plot of land they claim near the Old City walls.

"We are working to preserve the unity of the city of Jerusalem, and to make clear to the Arabs that the city will not be divided," said Kalila Har-Noi, a spokeswoman for the settlers. "If Jews can live in New York or anywhere in the world, they can certainly live in their own country."
After the huts went up, the Israel

Antiquities Authority obtained a court injunction barring further construction on the grounds that the work was on a historic site and damaging the centuriesold walls of the Old City.

But the structures were already in place, and the settlers went on with other work, bringing in a water tank and string-ing up electric bulbs and Israeli pennants. Women with babies and yeshiva students joined the men in the area, and the police made no move to evict them.

The Jerusalem municipality, which took no action Monday as the foundations were laid without a permit, issued its own stop-work order Tuesday after the conpeace agreement. Israel asserts that the struction set off a storm of protest by Palestinians and Israeli peace advocates. who came to the area to demonstrate. Mayor Ehud Olmert signed a demolition order Tuesday evening, requiring the sertlers to leave in 24 hours.

SNUB: U.K. Veterans Protest Akihito's Visit

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tween the two island countries.

But a group of British military veterans — men held as prisoners of war by the Japanese in World War II — were hardly in a celebratory mood. Several hundred of them, wearing their medals and wav-ing the Union Jack, turned their backs and shouted insults as Emperor Akihito rode into Buckingham Palace on Tuesday in a gilded horse-drawn carriage. The veterans were joined in their snub

by many ordinary people lining the

The veterans say they were the victims of brutal treatment at the hands of the Japanese Army. They have demanded an imperial apology and cash com-pensation of £14,000 (\$23,000) apiece. The Japanese press has responded

acidly to the veterans' demands, noting that the British veterans were conquerors and jailers in East Asia before they were conquered, in turn, by Japan. "The Japanese Army never invaded

England," noted the weekly news-magazine Shukan Shincho. "The only British soldiers captured were the ones enforcing imperialism in Asia." Some voices here have made the same

point. But most of the columns and commentary focus -- as the Tuesday edition

effort to defuse the argument. He sent an open letter to the British expressing deep remorse and heartfelt apology for the suffering of the prisoners of war.

At the state dinner Tuesday night, Emperor Akihito, whose comments are scripted by Mr. Hashimoto's govern-ment, said he and his wife felt "deep sorrow in our hearts" over the suffering of the British prisoners of war.

■ A Balancing Act for Blair

Amid booing and jeering of Emperor Akihito, some of the prisoners whistled the wartime tune "Colonel Bogey" fea-tured in the film "Bridge on the River Kwai," which depicted life in a Japanese labor camp, Reuters reported. Arthur Titherington, chairman of the

Japanese Labor Camps Survivors' Association, said: "The fact that so many people have turned out gives us considerable pleasure. It shows we are not The scale of the protest underlined the tricky balancing act Mr. Blair has to perform during the visit - acknowl-

edging the wartime suffering while urging ever closer ties with one of Britain's most important economic partners. His aides have pointed out that inward investment by the 265 Japanese companies operating in Britain has provided 65,000

The Japanese prime minister, Ryutaro especial debt of gratitude to those who trade and investment but across a whole environment issues. Justice Ministry would go to Herta Daeubler-Gmelin.



Emperor Akihito standing with Queen Elizabeth II as their national anthems were played Tuesday in a time of record unemployment. London at the start of his state visit.

GERMANY: Opposition Prepares

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his government spokesman and shook up his campaign team by adding a new

Mr. Schroeder also left himself room for changes in the autumn, which could a be necessary if Mr. Schroeder needs to accommodate members from other

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parties in his coalition. Although Mr. Schroeder emphasized that final ministry postings were not made, a spokeswoman at the Social Democratic Party's campaign center in Bonn said the names listed by Mr. Schroeder represented his likely cabinet.

Mr. Schroeder would elevate the party's parliamentary leader, Rudolf Scharping, to foreign minister. Mr. Scharping unsuccessfully ran against Mr. Kohl in 1994.

Mr. Schroeder already announced that Walter Riester, the deputy chief of the metalworkers union IG Metall, would be his choice for labor minister. Mr. Riester would hold a crucial government post at

Rolf Schanitz, an East German who represents his district in Saxony in the their lives," Mr. Blair said in a television Bundestag, would be responsible for interview. "But it is important, I believe, East German policies. Otto Schily, a Mr. Loewenberg wrote last year that of The Mirror put it — on how "our jobs and that British exports to Japan while never forgetting the past, that we former member of the Greens, would Tigzirt, a town 100 kilometers east of Mr. Rabin "effectively transformed Is- heroes" were "victimized by unspeak- total £4.2 billion (\$6.8 billion) a year. recognize that we have a relationship become interior minister. Edelgard Bul-"My generation knows that it owes an with today's Japan not just in terms of mahn would spearhead education and

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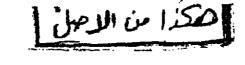
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IMF Cautiously Returns to Jakarta

Fund Seeks Ways to Resume Aid Amid Deepening Economic Turmoil

By Seth Mydans New York Times Service

JAKARTA — Indonesia's political upheaval has worsened its severe economic problems, and a team from the International Monetary Fund arrived here Tuesday to explore ways to restart its international rescue package.

The country's political and economic crises have become intertwined in a dangerous downward spiral and the fund's Asia director, Hubert Neiss, said that the country must urgently address its leadership questions if it is to begin a real recovery.

We have to recognize that the economic measures will only work and be really effective if there is political sta-bility," he said. "Along with political stability, it is impor-tant that the trust of the people in the government is restored, confidence is returned."

But on Tuesday, the country's political situation was far from stable. President B.J. Habibie, who took office Thursday when former President power, and the powerful military waited Suharto resigned under pressure, promised Monday to hold a new election, but that plan has accelerated a struggle over the future leadership of the country.

Rather than an orderly transition to a stable new leadership, there was the possibility of political chaos as long-sup-pressed forces began jockeying to fill the political valuum left by the sudden departure of the strongman who held Indonesia in his grip for 32 years.

New political parties began forming and the formerly illegal labor movement and newly potent student movement



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President Habibie mimicking photographers Tuesday while visiting the site of arson damage in Jakarta.

marshaled their forces. Opposition fig- low levels and the government has compower, and the powerful military waited

in the wings, its agenda still uncertain. Mr. Neiss said he would assess the situation as quickly as he could and report back to the IMF board, which must decide whether to resume disbursements from its \$40 billion rescue package that were suspended Friday, one day after Mr. Suharto stepped down.

On Friday, the U.S. Treasury secretary, Robert Rubin, said it would be premature for the fund to resume disbursements as long as the political situation remained unclear.

Mari Pangestu, a leading economist in

World Bank and international investors remained wary of Mr. Habibie's government, al-though he had installed a credible economic team made up mostly of holdovers from Mr. Suharto's cabinet.

"The greatest fear is that we will have months of uncertainty," she said. "Certainly, the economic conditions have gotten much, much worse. Analysts used to say recovery would take three to five years. Now they're saying four to five years, after the last two weeks. I don't know how political transition, or certainty, will come about, but it has to come quickly."

Apart from the political questions, Mr. Neiss will find a severely weakened economy as he surveys the current simation. As it recharts its game plan, the IMF will need to revise downward its estimates of the country's economic potential, economists said.

Foreign-exchange reserves have fallen to dangerously pensated by printing new money, driving up inflation to a projected 47 percent rate this year, a foreign economist said.

The country's privately held foreign debt, estimated at as high as \$70 billion. remains an intractable problem. The banking system is on the verge of collapse. Its peril was heightened Tuesday today by a run on the country's largest private bank, Bank Central Asia, which is partly owned by two of Mr. Suharto's six wealthy children and was a prime target of rioters two weeks ago, reportedly losing 122 offices and 1,250 automatic teller machines to vandals and thieves.



Jakarta residents waving Tuesday at President Habibie, who was touring a shopping center burned in the riots.

private economists have revised down- tury, which has parched harvests and people," Mr. Habibie said, adding that ward the estimate of the IMF that the made it necessary to spend huge the government would not tolerate rac-Indonesian economy shrank by 5 per- amounts of the country's scarce foreign cent last year. Various estimates put the currency on imported food. shrinkage at anywhere from 10 percent to 25 percent.

Miss Pangestu estimated that unemthan 15 million, or nearly 20 percent of the workforce. With food prices rising sharply, she said this meant that as many as 58 million people would soon be below the poverty line, up from 22.5

million at the start of the year. "You aren't going to see any investment coming in for a while," she said. "The more you look at the num-

In a speech Monday, Mr. Habibie

acknowledged the need for stability. "We must honestly admit that our sucployment this year would rise to more cess in overcoming the economic crisis depends largely on foreign loans," he said. "Foreign loans are influenced by our success in stabilizing domestic political life."

■ Habibie Vows to Fight Racism

Mr. Habibie visited Jakarta's Chinshe atown on Tuesday and vowed to build a new Indonesia that was free from rac-

worst rioting and arson as mobs turned against Indonesia's Chinese ethnic minority, which make up only 3 percent of the country's 200 million population

ism "in any form."

but control about half its economy. The violence sent ethnic Chinese throughout the country fleeing to neighboring nations like Singapore, Malaysia and Australia.

Jakarta was ravaged by rioting on May 14 that claimed nearly 500 lives.

Chinatown was the scene of some of the

Mr. Habibie called on people to be calm and to take their protection into Surveying the economic wreckage, country's worst drought in half a cen-

MICROSOFT: Employees at an Isolated 'Campus' Can't Understand Why Their Company Is So Misunderstood company, but I choose to because 20 cessor Microsoft Word and grosses in years later it's that same sense of what software can do for people that captures has grossed since its release. "Five years has grossed since its release." They're operating in a mind-set that's outside the tautological knowledge structure of most of the people worked with Mr. Gates and his former

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logical optimism that has deep roots in American culture, they believe they are defending both the best form of capitalism for the future and their own way

Sharper than average, more driven than is entirely normal, Microsoft employees believe in the liberating nature drive that earned Microsoft of software and in their mission to deliver it to the world. Unlike many of their industry's "Evil Empire." Silicon Valley counterparts, who tend to hop from company to company, Microsofties, as they refer to themselves, show a strong allegiance to their corporation and its chairman, Bill Gates.
They are well rewarded for their zeal:

a recent tally placed the average paper profit per employee from company stock options at more than \$1 million — an think, will soon set the pace for the rest exceptional measure of wealth even for of the world. the high-technology industry.

Still, the nearly unanimous repudiation of the Justice Department's view among the software maker's rank and file seems motivated as much by a reflexive defense of the corporate culture that thrives here.

is illegally using the near-monopoly of its Windows operating system to domis illegally using the near-monopoly of inate the market for software used to view the World Wide Web. In addition, its lawsuit says the company is doing the same with Internet commerce.

The government insists that traditionsumers one day find themselves utterly digital — not just one product or one searches were continuing and that further industry but all the facets of life that are developments could be expected. rapidly being transposed to cyberspace.

But through Microsoft's digital lens, limiting what can be sewn together with computer code flies in the face of the revolutionary nature of technology. After all, company loyalists argue, the only one firearm had been seized and constant flux of technology guarantees a that no explosives had been found.

Competition more intense than in any In the 1995 attacks in France, ascompetition more intense than in any previous market - even if there is nothing on the immediate horizon to chal-

lenge the supremacy of Windows. Which side of the ideological chasm prevails - or whether it can be bridged with a settlement — may very well determine the definitions and principles that shape the course of capitalism

through the digital age.

"You look back and Rockefeller was in oil, Carnegie was in steel; it all seemed very simple," said Ron Chernow, the business historian whose biography of the Standard Oil magnate John Rockefeller, "Titan," was published by Random House this month. "I never dreamt we would reach the situation where the question is, 'What is a product?' It's almost metaphysical.'

of the 23-year-old company, where some employees can still remember Mr. Gates, the company's founder and now by far the richest man in the United States, sleeping on the floor and talking about building Microsoft into an "institution."

The government's legal attack seems only to have heightened awareness here of the boundaries between those with key cards to the "campus," as Microsoft's ever-expanding enclave here is called, and those who do not.

doubters do not often make it through Microsoft's hiring process.

"When I'm interviewing somebody I say to them, 'Tell me about something you've done that you're particularly proud of, "said leff Raikes, vice president for sales and marketing. "If they couldn't immediately come up with something that their eyes lit up, I knew they weren't the kind of person for Mi-

continue to work at Microsoft or any during the tournament.

my enthusiasm.'

mism is echoed by many throughout the have a sense of how tenuous things are." company. But it is in part the jarring The insinuation: Others do not. juxtaposition of idealism with a cutthroat competitive

its reputation as the software Working in identical office cubicles throughout the company's 36 disconcertingly uniform buildings are many people who are similarly gung-ho. Many are also similarly oblivious of the concerns of people who seem not to

ago, everyone was using WordPerfect. who run the country. Microsoft is getting y enthusiasm."

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> A mantra of technological optimism is echoed by many throughout the company.

Mr. Sinofsky, who joined the com-pany in 1989 and lives in an apartment about the size of his cubicle, said he continued to work at Microsoft because when he added a feature like multiple languages to Microsoft Word he could affect the lives of millions of people. John Brockman, author of "The Third

"I graduated from college in 1987, which argues that the values and ethos of and we had punch cards," said Steven science and technology are trivialized sinofsky, general manager of Microsoft even as the fields themselves become of Microsoft, and they were Microsoft, and they were Microsoft, and they enation from mainstream culture—or at office, which includes the word procentral to American life, says of Mi-

created an operating system that's be-come the central nervous system for an entire global cul-

A former Microsoft executive put it less charitably. They all drink the same Kool-Aid," he said of his one-time colleagues. "It's their biggest strength and

their biggest weakness. Still, some analysts say that although Silicon Valley competitors such as Apple Computer Inc. or Netscape Communications Corp. have managed to take bative cross-examinations on minute deon the mantle of technology freedom tails are as legendary as his accessibility Culture" (Simon & Schuster, 1995), fighters, they operate on the same com- by e-mail to the lowliest employee.

titive principles as Microsoft.

partner, Paul Allen, in the company's infancy in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
"I happen to think there's a lot of validity to the antitrust suit. But Microsoft is no worse than any of these other guys. They're just more successful."

What is different about Microsoft is its distance from Silicon Valley. Rather than trading jobs for a better deal down the block, employees tend to stay put. With only a 7 percent turnover rate, Microsoft will hire 3,000 recruits this year.

The insularity helps to reinforce a monolithic culture in which employees cultivate an almost fanatical devotion to their work and to Mr. Gates, whose com-

founders of the Indonesian Workers Party, said: "We will stage an all-out battle to win the general election and

INDONESIA:

Tough Road Ahead

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improve the welfare of the workers. If a labor party can govern in Britain and Australia, why not in Indonesia?" But conservative forces like the military leadership that finally shoved Mr. Suharto aside worry that if political lib-

eralization occurs too quickly - especially at a time of deepening recession it will make the task of economic recovery much more difficult, if not im-"It is a tricky exercise," the diplomat said. "The Habibie government cannot

hope to have stability unless it carries out political reforms. But if reform goes too fast, it could be destabilizing and that

The timing and type of elections that emerge from the maneuvering will be critically important, analysts said.

One key is whether Indonesia's highest constitutional body, the People's Consultative Assembly, will meet before or after elections for the House of Representatives, Indonesia's Parliament. The 1,000-seat assembly includes 500 MPs and 500 military and civilian officials approved by the pres-

If the assembly is called into special session by a two-thirds majority vote of Parliament, it would have the power to choose a new president and vice president. It could also determine the timing of political reform and when elections are held.

Many of the key interest groups in the established power structure want elections to be held later rather than sooner. Some simply want to protect their own position; others say it will take at least 12 months to rewrite the laws that unfairly restrict political activity and give new political organizations time to organize

and establish themselves. The armed forces' chief of sociopolitical affairs, Lieutenant General Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, said Monday that a national consensus was needed before the country could restructure its political

Referring to Indonesia's last exper-iment with Western-style parliamentary democracy, in the 1950s, which resulted in a succession of short-lived govern-ments and increasing economic difficulties, he said Indonesians "need to learn from history when the nation had many political parties contesting general elections and participating in the cabinet and Parliament."

The general added that the most important prerequisite for reform in Indonesia was "efficient and capable national leadership."

at thrives here. The government holds that Microsoft ARRESTS:

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actions had been planned in France next month, but the Interior Ministry said in a al antitrust safeguards must be enforced statement that a lengthy investigation to prevent a situation in which con-brought it to the conclusion "that terrorist actions were being prepared as the World dependent on Microsoft for all things Cup grew nearer. It said that raids and

> Officials in France said the raids there uncovered documents, computer disks, video cassettes, false identify papers and what the ministry said was "signifi-cant" sums of cash. Reports said that

sailants packed explosives and nails into gas cylinders and set off explosions in

Commuter trains and elsewhere.

In Belgium, the police raided several places in Brussels and the southern city of Charleroi. A large North African community, principally Moroccan, lives in the Belgian capital and there has been increasing concern about the actions of fundamentalists, who have been involved in two outbreaks of rioting this year.

The police in Italy said at least nine people had been detained in a continuing operation aimed at suspected Islamic fundamentalist sympathizers in the Milan region. A prosecutor, Stefano Dambruoso, said telephone taps had revealed "increasing talk of arms and forged identity papers and passports." He said The antitrust case against Microsoft is seen by many as a challenge to the culture linked to the World Cup. linked to the World Cup.
And a spokesman for the Swiss federal

prosecutors' office said an undisclosed number of people had been detained.

The raids, coordinated by the Lyonbased international criminal police organization Interpol were headed in France by the senior anti-terrorism investigator, Judge Jean-Louis Bruguiere. tween IMF representatives and Russian

The judge flew to Germany on Tuesday after the police there reported the million portion of a previous IMF loan, arrest of two suspected aides to Hassan Hattab, believed to be the head of the That may be, in part, because self- Armed Islamic Group in the mountainous region east of Algiers, where many of the massacres have taken place. About 400 French police officers in

plainclothes or black combat gear with lection policies. stubby automatic weapons, took part in the raids shortly after daybreak. The raids were part of a huge security

effort in France surrounding the World Cup, which will take place in 10 cities. The police, in collaboration with forces in Britain and other European countries, Mr. Raikes added: "We believe. I will also try to prevent outbreaks of



A suspect being taken into police headquarters in Paris.

Cholesterol Drug Shown As Helping the Healthy The Associated Press

CHICAGO - Six million healthy Americans with ordinary cholesterol levels might benefit from taking cholesterol-lowering

drugs, researchers say. Healthy men and women taking lovastatin, sold as Mevacor, reduced their risk of serious heart trouble by 37 percent, according to a fiveyear study to be published Wednesday in the Journal of the American Medical Association. "We estimate that 6 million Americans not

recommended for drug treatment may benefit'

from lovastatin, said the authors, led by Dr. John Downs of Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas. The findings were also released in November at an American Heart Association meeting and were reported by The Associated Press at

The study involved 6,604 men and postmenopausal women from the ages of 45 to 73 whose average total cholesterol was 221, higher than the recommended cutoff of 200 but typical for Americans. "Good" cholesterol, or HDL, levels averaged 36, lower than the recommended cutoff of 40. "Bad" cholesterol, or LDL, averaged 150, higher than ideal but also typical. Half of the participants got lovast-

atin, half got dummy pills.

Overall, there were 299 instances of heart attack, serious heart pain or fatal cardiac arrest. Women taking lovastatin had 46 percent lower risk of heart trouble than the other women. The risk for men on the drug was 37 percent lower. However, the journal noted that cholesterol-lowering drugs — lovastatin is the first of five similar "statin" drugs — cost \$900 to \$1,800 a year at the levels used in the study. The drugs also must be taken for life.

RUSSIA: A Plea to the IMF for Help Amid Tumbling Markets and Worsening Turmoil

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delegates about the release of a \$670 Russia's lawless capitalist jungle. according to government sources.

The installment is part of a \$9.2 billion package previously worked out with resource exporte the Fund. The IMF has held up the pay tax arrears. release of the latest segment while evaluating Russia's spending and tax-col-

Since autumn, Russia has suffered from a combination of homegrown and international ills.

to retirees. High interest rates have eaten attractive to bidders, analysts said. into the budget, aggravating the govern-

sian stock and bond markets partly in His successor, Mr. Kiriyenko, was named owners also siphon off money meant fear of an Asian-style meltdown and by President Boris Yeltsin to manage for wages, Russian critics contend. partly because of the risks of investing in Russia's economy to health and provide

Abroad, the prices of oil and gas have

fallen and the declines have eaten into avalanche of adverse economic news. the earnings of Russia's main natural resource exporters - and their ability to blow to Mr. Kiriyenko. Before rising from A clear symptom of the problems

brought on by the oil slump appeared Tuesday during a scheduled auction for 75 percent of RAO Rosneft, the last manorthern Russia on the promise that back sia's trials. In the mine case, he said the press and television had blown the problems out of proportion and inspired the miners to obstruct the rail lines. jor oil company to be privatized. No one bid for the company, which was priced at Laggard tax collection has created \$2.1 billion. The government had hoped delays in payments of salaries to state to use the funds to make up budget shortworkers and soldiers as well as pensions falls. Low oil prices made the prize un-

growth. In his first full month in control. Mr. Kiriyenko has been buried in an

The mine shutdown was a particular obscurity to the post of prime minister, he wages and other benefits would be paid.

The problems in the mining industry are emblematic of Russia's mixed bag of economic troubles.

Similar headaches precipitated the income — and many of these are vestors, he said, were simply being paid in

for wages, Russian critics contend Previous energy ministers have provided stopgap solutions to the problems, but none were able to untangle the intricate web of nonpayment by coal customers and mine management alike.

Mr. Yeltsin followed a familiar pattern of biaming marginal forces for Rushad been in charge of settling disputes in sia's trials. In the mine case, he said the

However, even the bond market has been rocked by concern over the soundness of Russian finances. The business tycoon Boris Berezovsky, through a Although privately owned, the mines newspaper he owns, compared governdepend on many state customers for ment bonds to a pyramid scheme. In-

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INVESTING IN POLAND

IMPLEMENTING 'GROWTH THERAPY'

After shock therapy, priority is expansion.

The second time around is a lot easier for Finance Minister Leszek Balcerowicz. The economy that he "shocked" into restructuring during his first stint as minister of finances (1989-1991) is now purring along. Extending its string of excellent annual results, Poland recorded a near 7 percent rise in GDP in 1997, and a 5.7 percent increase is forecast for 1998.

Economic growth is being impelled by the industrial sector, which recorded a 22 percent rise in output during 1996 and 1997, stimulated by a massive inflow of capital. The country invested \$17.4 billion in its long-term capital stock, up 26 percent over 1996's record. Of the 1997 total, a third went to the manufacturing sector, whose capital intake rose 38 percent in 1997.

About one-third of the country's long-term capital — \$6.6 billion — came from abroad. This foreign direct investment (FDI) total was one of the best annual results in the region. As of the end of 1997, Poland had secured \$20.6 billion in FDI over the last nine years.

Positive impact

According to PAIZ, the Polish Agency for Foreign Investment, the country's FDI figure is set for another record rise in 1998. Commitments by major foreign investors as of the end of 1997 came to \$10.8 billion. This was up sharply peatedly been postponed, and others have been carried out in from the previous record of \$7.9 billion in 1996.

Economic growth is having a positive impact on government finances and on daily life in Poland. In 1997, the government budget deficit amounted to 1.4 percent, one of lower than that of 1996. Inflation is now at around 13 percent, percent unemployment rate is three points lower than it was 12 months ago.

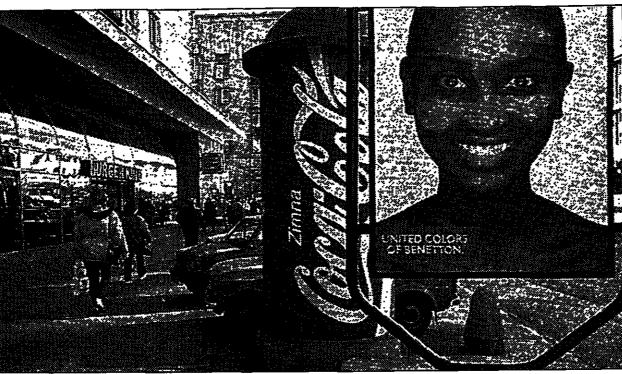
Another positive development is the wage restraint shown by the country's workers, whose average wages remained stable during 1997. There is room for improvement, however, in the country's trade balance, which is now running a deficit of more than 11 percent.

Despite these results, Mr. Balcerowicz is continuing his reform efforts, particularly in the economy's key sectors heavy industry, mining, agriculture and health care. Political and societal considerations have blocked the restructuring Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek, has implemented tough meaand privatization of these sectors.

Some 34 percent of all companies in Poland are still owned by the public sector. Many state-owned companies are laboring under large and rising payrolls. Several important

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peatedly been postponed, and others have been carried out in accordance with the country's political rather than economic

Following an ambitious plan formulated by Poland's cabinet, the revamping of the country's chemical and oilthe best results in Europe, and more than a percentage point processing industries has begun. The plan's objective is to double the industries' output by 2005 through the investment about two points lower than a year ago. Poland's current 10.6 of \$2.8 billion, half of it to come from abroad, in 105 individual projects. The key aspect of the revamping is the merging of the state firms Petrochemia Plock and Centrala Produktow Naftowych, and this new company's subsequent

Political pressures notwithstanding, the previous Polish governments had worked diligently to trim the bloated, loss-making coal sector, closing down 11 of the country's 60 mines in the process. The moves failed to slow down the coal sector's increasing net indebtedness, however. To counter this alarming trend, the present administration, headed by sures that will reduce both personnel and output by 38

In implementing this far-reaching restructuring, the Buzek administration has a trump card to play: the European Union. One subject of the negotiations now taking place between Poland and the EU is how and when the country's industrial sector will be made fully accessible to non-Polish companies. This freedom of access is a prime precondition of accession to the Union.

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ELECTRICITY GENERATION: GOING PRIVATE

Poland's electricity sector, which consists of 33 power stations and an equal number of distribution companies, is in the process of being privatized. Often postponed, this process has attracted a huge amount of investor interest. Seventeen bids were submitted by major foreign power suppliers for the Patnow-Adamow-Konin generating complex, the second largest in Poland, and the second to be put

The first, the Leg power station, was acquired by Electricité de France in October 1997. A wide range of other power plants are expected to follow in the course of the year. All told, the privatization and the subsequent modernization of the power plants is expected to trigger an influx of \$50 billion into Poland over the next decade.

Level playing field

Looking at the power sector's fundamentals, it is hard to understand why the world's electricity generating industry is rushing to buy up stakes in the Polish market. The price of electricity is currently about one fifth lower than needed to finance plant modernization. Some 30 percent of these plants are hopelessly outdated, and the rest require upgrading of their environmental protection and other facilities. The rush has been set off by a new energy sector law. Promulgated in December 1997, the law creates a level playing field for both domestic and international investors. Based on a British model, it also gives extensive powers to the new independent power-sector supervisory authority.

BANKING ON **MODERNIZATION**

Poland's banks are popular with investors.

ince independence, Poland's successive administrations have all subscribed to the same vision of the Polish banking sector: a relatively small number of big banks and insurance companies with a small core of central investors and a broad base of private shareholders with a strong Polish complexion.

Though not a true market-driven system, this vision has forged a strong banking sector with a 2:1 balance between domestic and foreign investors in terms of total shares

As of the end of 1997, Poland's banks had outstanding loans worth 79.2 billion zlotys (\$23 billion). That represented an increase in real terms of 31 percent. The prime recipients were the country's consumers; total consumer credit rose from \$1.8 billion in 1995 to \$17.2 billion in 1997.

Personal incomes rose 21 percent in 1997, continuing a five-year rise. Private households joined businesses in increasing their savings and other deposits in Poland's banks. Total deposits increased 27 percent for the year, allowing the banks to retain their 31 percent trading surplus (excess of deposits over loans).

Flagship banks

The strength of Poland's banking sector is reflected by its flagship banks. Prominent among them is the Pekao S.A. Group. Formed in 1996 through a four-way merger orchestrated by then-Finance Minister Grzegorz Kolodko, Pekao is the largest banking group in the country when ranked by total deposits. In 1997, the group recorded a 15 percent rise in total assets and a 20 percent increase in capital. Bank Pekao, the group's largest financial institution, recorded a 25 percent rise in individual income for the year.

Also in 1997, the balance sheet totals of the country's 50

largest commercial banks grew by 20 percent in real terms. These achievements were all the more remarkable because they were recorded during the National Bank of Poland's 'get tough year."

The central bank instituted tight money policies and a range of regulatory measures designed to put the banks on the same regulatory and competitive footing as their counterparts elsewhere. One measure was the establishment of binding minimum reserve rates.

Over the same period, domestically owned banks upgraded their services through large-scale purchases of computers, automatic tellers and other devices that are standard in Western banks.

The modernization of the banking sector has continued in 1998. On January 1, Poland's new banking law went into effect. The law provides for the establishment of a commission to supervise the banking sector's operations and gives it sweeping responsibilities and the authority to implement them.

Improved fundamentals and modernization have made the country's banks popular with institutional and private investors in both Poland and abroad.

The June 1997 privatization of Bank Handlowy was welcomed by the Warsaw Stock Exchange. This was followed in October by the privatization of PBK Bank (Powszechny Bank Kredytowy S.A.). Next up is the Pekao-Group, which will sell 35 percent of its share capital to the stockholding public. Details of the transaction will be released in late May.

PROSPERITY DRIVES CONSUMER MARKET

Personal incomes and consumer spending are up.

here's good news for economists eyeing the galloping expansion of Poland's consumer product markets: Polish consumers aren't living beyond their means. Average monthly expenditures for Poland's 12.5 million households rose by 50 percent between 1995 and 1997, or 16 percentage points more than inflation. Average monthly household incomes did even better than that, increasing by 53

While spending on such necessities of life as housing and food is on the rise, expenditures on automobiles, computers and travel have been growing even faster.

In 1996, Poles purchased 374,000 cars - 41 percent more than in 1995. This figure rose a further 27 percent in 1997, reports the country's National Bank. The number of PCs purchased has been increasing nearly as fast. In 1997, Poles bought 550,000 computers. That was 50 percent more than in 1995, and double 1994's total.

Spending on leisure

Travel is another growing consumer market. Spending for vacations increased 60 percent between 1995 and 1997. The prime beneficiaries of this increase have been the airlines, particularly LOT, the nation's flagship carrier.

The increase in outward-bound tourists has supplemented ... the carrier's traditional bread-and-butter service for incoming Western business travelers and vacationers. LOT's business travelers have been profitting from the carrier's launch of new links between Warsaw and Manchester, and Warsaw and London-Gatwick. These links were added in response to the 18 percent increase in the number of LOT passengers traveling between Poland and the United Kingdom in 1997. Business-class travel on the Warsaw-London route rose 60 percent during the year, reports LOT.

The airline recently received international recognition for its business service: It was named "Best Eastern European Airline of the Year" by the readers of Business Travel

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Rebels Give Colombia a New Black Eye



Relatives of prisoners who escaped from a Colombian prison crying as they await news at the jail's entrance.

By Serge F. Kovaleski Washington Post Service

began late Saturday night.

at the facility.

lation escaped.

The weekend breakout, which happened even though BOGOTA - in a torrent of security forces had received heavy gunfire and dynamite intelligence reports that guerblasts, leftist guerrillas rillas might strike, is one of a stormed one of Colombia's string of recent wholesale esmajor prisons over the week-end, allowing 324 inmates to flee in what was described as organized by the Marxist the largest escape of its kind rebels. in the history of Colombia.

On April 4, 20 members of Most of the escapees the rebel group dynamited the scrambled out through the Santander de Quilichao prismain gate of San Isidro Pris- on to free a rebel leader on, 370 kilometers (230 serving a 60-month sentence. miles) southwest of Bogota in In the midst of the attack, an the city of Popayan, during a additional 53 inmates also es-

were killed and 18 injured.

three-hour firefight that caped. On Feb. 23, 18 prisoners, About 90 members of the most of whom were guerrillas country's largest guerrilla convicted of group — the Revolutionary tunneled their way ou tunneled their way out of Pen-Armed Forces of Colombia as Blancas de Calarca pris-

- battled security personnel on. The responsibility for Two prisoners and one maintaining security at guard were killed, and nearly a third of the inmate popurections department guards On Monday, the authorities who are assisted by the army said 46 inmates had been re-captured. and the national police agency. The attack on San The assault, which inves- Isidro Prison - where 168 tigators say may have been guards split two shifts of 12 planned by one of the in-mates, a rebel leader know as 11 P.M. Saturday, about a El Rojo, was one of a number half-hour after army troops of defeats that Colombia's se- had made their rounds outside

curity forces, including the the facility.

The authorities said the inarmy and prison details, have suffered at the hands of leftist insurgents in recent months. The Revolutionary Armed surgents set off three charges of dynamite, one of which blew down part of a wall near Forces of Colombia and the the main gate while another nation's second-largest rebel destroyed a portal opening on organization, the National Liberation Army, together blocks. A running gun battle constitute the most powerful America, one that controls almost half the countryside while gradually making inwhore areas.

mates crawled and ran upward long cell block hallway in an effort to escape. Investigators said it appeared the guerrillas guerrilla movement in Latin The director of Colombia's were trying primarily to free prisons has warned that those El Rojo and 30 other rebels who escaped, many of them who are members of the same rebels convicted of homicide, Revolutionary Armed Forces

kidnapping or extortion. are of Colombia units as the at-'dangerous criminals, and tackers. they constitute a threat to na-"We have constantly requested that the government

Like most correctional fa- reinforce security measures at cilities in Colombia, San the prison because it chose Isidro Prison is severely over- this as the final place for dancrowded, plagued by un- gerous prisoners," Cesar healthy sanitary conditions Negret Mosquera, governor and frequent deadly riots. of the region in which San
Last year, inmates wieldIsidro is located, was quoted ing stones and bricks con-fronted prison guards in a melee in which six prisoners Tiempo.

BRIEFLY

U.K. Nurse Pays 'Blood Money'

DUBAL, United Arab Emirates - A British nurse released \$1.2 million in "blood money" Tuesday for an Australian man whose sister she was convicted of mur-

dering, her lawyer said.

Deborah Parry's decision cleared the final hurdle for Frank Gilford to collect the money after a one-year war of words. The money has been put in a trust fund for Mr.

Gilford in an Australian bank.

Mr. Gilford had spared Miss Parry's life by waiving his right to demand the death penalty imposed on her last year by a Saudi court, which had found her guilty of stabbing to death Mr. Gilford's sister, Yvonne, in December 1996. In accordance with Saudi Arabia's Islamic laws, Miss Parry agreed to give Mr. Gilford "blood money," which was fixed at an equivalent of \$1.2 million. (AP)

Arafat Calls for Arab Summit

CAIRO - The Palestinian leader, Yasser Arafat, called Tuesday for an Arab summit meeting on stalled Middle East peace efforts and said his people would keep striving to set up their own state.

"From the house of the Arabs, I direct a call to convene an urgent Arab summit," Mr. Arafat said at the Cairobased Arab League. Mr. Arafat said he welcomed recent efforts to break the deadlock that has paralyzed peace talks for 15 months.

For the Record

Mexico City has imposed emergency smog measures, and haze from forest fires forced the suspension of flights in southern Mexico. The ozone level hit 251 on Mexico City's smog scale Monday. Levels over 100 are considered unsatisfactory, and those over 200 can cause

Guatemalan raspberry farmers have adopted health standards allowing them to renew exports to the United States, where the fruit was linked to diarrhea outbreaks in 1996 and 1997, officials said Monday. (Reuters)

BOOKS

THE CRUCIBLE OF **CREATION:**

The Burgess Shale and the Rise of Animals

By Simon Conway Morris. Illustrated. 242 pages. \$30.

Oxford University Press. Reviewed by Mark Ridley

FIVE hundred thirty million years ago, a continent consisting of North America and Greenland - rotated about 90 degrees to the right from their modern orientation — strad-dled the Equator. Modern western Canada was the continent's north coast. Off that coast lay a cliff, known to geologists as the Cathedral Escarpment, that plunged 100 yards or so into the relative depths. The strange and now famous animals of the Burgess Shale lived at the foot of the cliff. The site of the Burgess Shale fossils is now on dry land in the Canadian

their positions now. Simon Conway Morris likes to picture the Burgess animals in their natural setting, rather than as dusty rocks on the museum bench,

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Rocky Mountains, indicating

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easy, by the extraordinary preservation of the fossils.

Fossils are usually left only 70,000 Burgess specimens about 95 percent are either soft-bodied or have thin skelthe normal processes of fos-silization." This is a world dral Escarpment, which rapmud slide, is the reason we have even this glimpse.

Whatever the reason, even dinosaur lovers will indulge Conway Morris's remark that the Burgess Shale is "the most wonderful fossil deposit in the world." The fossils were discovered in 1909 but owe their scientific significance to a research program at ally gives an account of two Cambridge University in the 1970s and 80s. Stephen J. Gould popularized them in his superb book "Wonderful

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and the coast inland, from Life" in 1989. Conway Morris was one of perhaps three main heroes of Gould's story: the imaginative young scientist responsible for the reconstruction of a and he does a good job of most bizarre creature, called

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bringing them to life in "The Hallucigenia, almost the sym-Crucible of Creation." His bolic Newton's apple of the job is made possible, if not Burgess Shale. The centerpiece of "The

tional security."

if the animal has hard parts description, authoritative and (bones or shell), but of the readable, of the animals themselves. There have been some interesting reinterpretations since Gould wrote. One trouetons, too delicate to survive bling animal, formerly thought to be an arthropod that swam with flapping wings, that is normally lost. Maybe a now moves by the more or-local collapse in the Cathe-thodox procedure of walking on legs. Hallucigenia itself idly buried the animals in a has been turned upside down (or rather, right side up): The formerly upward-pointing possible multiple mouths have become legs, and the whole formerly unclassifiable puzzle has been found to fit. like Cinderella in her ballroom slipper, into an estab-

> new Burgess-like fossil locations. One is in Greenland. It was found in 1984, and Conway Morris is part of the team that has been collecting there since 1989. The chapter about the collection uses a travel writer's pen and is the easiest to read in the book. Conditions can be great, and then "at the fossil site the view is superb: the eye travels along J.P. Koch Fjord to its entrance with the Arctic Ocean, clearly viscollecting and confine you.

shivering, in the tent The Greenland fossils are Burgess Shale to suggest that the Burgess animals were living below the shoreline all round the continent, and ansuggests that they had a glob- Burgess Shale. al distribution.

Conway Morris goes on to reflect about the implications of the Burgess Shale for our understanding of evolution Crucible of Creation," like and of ourselves. He disagrees

that of "Wonderful Life," is a with Gould about almost everything - or he seems to. These are the least successful parts of the book; they are not explicit enough. Conway Morris tends to allude to major disagreements and then either to drop the topic or disappear into technicalities. In Gould's view, modern

life is descended from only a minority of the Burgess forms, and a great lottery determined which Burgess forms went extinct and which left descendants. Evolutionary survival was a matter of chance rather than merit. The existence of humans may then be a fluke, as a Burgess form that could give rise to us accidentally survived.

lished arthropod category.

Conway Morris addition-Conway Morris argues instead that the evolution of something like humans was fairly predictable, and our uniqueness places graver responsibilities on us - to assure the future of the planet. He shies away, however, from spelling out the argument.

Imagine that a small num-

ber of humans are to be

picked to survive some planetary disaster that will wipe out the rest of the species. If they are picked by lottery, are they more likely to form a ible" about 60 miles away. Or self-indulgent ideology than they can be ghastly, with "low if they are picked for their cloud and fog banks" that stop special aptitude to take the species forward after the catastrophe? It sounds psychologically plausible that they similar enough to those of the might. But I do not see why, in morality, the lottery should influence how the survivors behave. We should make the world a better place whatever other site in China similarly weird ancestors we had in the

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A Troubling Connection

The American government over the years has been involved in dubious relationships with foreign military institutions, but there has rarely been a more tangled or troubling connection than that between the Clinton administration and the People's Liberation Army of China.

It has produced campaign-funding abuses, serious American security lapses and now a political furor in Washington less than a month before President Bill Clinton is to make the first presidential visit to China since

Some American association with the Chinese army is essential to stabilizing relations with China. Highlevel meetings, officer exchange programs and other links can reduce tensions and mistrust

But while China is not an enemy, it is not an ally either, and caution is required to ensure that sensitive American military technology is not transferred. In its eagerness to improve relations with Beijing and to expand American commerce in China, the White House has been careless about

enforcing security protections.

The People's Liberation Army is a powerful force in Chinese life, with overlapping roles in military, political and business affairs.

The army is the world's largest military force, with nuclear weapons and intercontinental ballistic missiles. some capable of reaching the United States.

At least one senior general usually sits on the Communist Party's innermost leadership council. Military-associated companies in areas from rocketry to consumer goods generate large profits that have helped finance China's recent military buildup.

The army has played a central role in many of the most contentious issues that have divided China and the United States. Army troops killed Tiananmen Square democracy demonstrators in 1989, army-controlled companies sold nuclear and missile components to Pakistan and other countries and army

missiles menaced Taiwan during presidential elections there two years ago. Washington must draw a firm line at transfers of technology like rocket guidance and encryption systems. It must be

particularly vigilant in enforcing rules for American aerospace companies. By contracting with Chinese rocket companies to launch commercial satellites, American businesses have an incentive to help make Chinese rockets more reliable. Yet China's aerospace companies are controlled by the army. The Pentagon concluded that sensitive guidance technology was improperly shared with the Chinese during a review of a failed 1996 rocket launch by

two American companies, Loral Corp.

and Hughes Electronics. President Clinton clearly erred in 1996 when he overrode objections by the State Department and made it easier for American corporations to cooperate with Chinese aerospace companies. Though the White House denies any connection, the policy shift came during a period when the Democratic Party received substantial contributions from American aerospace executives, including the head of Loral.

The Chinese army itself may have been meddling in American politics. Johnny Chung, the Democratic Party donor, has told the Justice Department that much of the \$100,000 he gave the party in the summer of 1996 came from a Chinese colonel and space executive, Liu Chaoying. Her father was then the

commander of Chinese military forces. The House last week voted overwhelmingly to bar American companies from launching satellites on Chinese rockets. A flat ban is better than loosely enforced rules, but a better approach would be a return to rigorous regulation, with the State Department and the Pentagon, rather than the Commerce Department, deciding whether satellite export licenses should be granted.

If the White House wants public support for improved ties with China, it must rethink its dealings with the Chinese army.

—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Disputes Among Allies

The Clinton administration is attempting what it regards as a creative escape from trade disputes with its closest allies. The disputes arose from American legislation imposing sanctions on Europe for its refusal to be bound by the unilateral American boycotts on Iran and Libya and, separately, on Cuba.

Understandably, allies and other trading partners objected to being penalized for purposes about which they had not been consulted, that they did not support and that they considered counter to World Trade Organization rules. The matter came to a head when the United States sanctioned companies from France, Russia and Malaysia for a big joint and, by those nations' laws, legal investment in a natural gas

project in Iran. The solution the United States now puts forward rests on an unassailable premise. It is that America's purpose is not to alienate trading partners but to gain their support for legitimate American foreign policy objectives - to induce Iran and Libya to halt the support of terrorism and the building of terror weapons and to induce Cuba to respect the rights of Americans

whose properties have been expropriated illegally.

The American solution is to draw the European Union and Russia into tighter commitments to combat the condemned conduct, by whoever conducted. This would moot most requirements for unilateral American sanctions.

The U.S. secretary of state had concluded that sanctions would not have halted the Iran project anyway. Better, she concluded, to waive sanctions and enlist the French, Russian and Malaysian governments in more effective common cause.

The friendly countries and companies that stand to be relieved of unilateral sanctions are pleased. These "new disciplines," however, are really no better than the vigor with which their makers enforce them. It is all very well to figure out a formula that will reduce commercial/political disputes among friends. But that means heightened and continuing pressure to police the agreements. The old terms were pushing the United States toward the wrong kind of confrontation. The new terms lay out a demanding agenda

.- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Sliding Oil Prices

The United States is getting a bo-nanza from sliding oil prices, which have boosted economic growth and helped to mask the deteriorating trade deficit with the rest of the world. But if oil prices rebound later this year, as the oil industry generally expects, that economic benefit could vanish.

The trade figures are bad even with the benefit of lower oil prices. The Commerce Department last week reported March figures, showing the largest monthly trade deficit in goods and services in at least a decade, of \$13 billion. But it could have been worse, as a 5.2 percent increase in the cost of nonpetroleum goods was offset by a 6 percent fall in the cost of imported oil.

In American markets, the price of crude oil fell below \$13 a barrel last week, a decline of more than \$8 since last fall. Taking inflation into account, a damper on American economic the real price is the lowest in more than

The falling price reflects the economic woes racking Asia, which had been a rapidly growing user of energy. and a relatively warm winter in many areas. But the price also reflects heavy production from oil producers. Frederick Leuffer, an analyst at Bear Stearns, suggests that Saudi Arabia has engineered a glut to raise its market share, discourage exploration and

delay alternative energy sources. The full benefit of the fall in oil prices has not been passed on to consumers. Instead, oil refiners have been able to raise their profit margins. But the decline has nonetheless served as a stimulus to the American economy

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is expected to try to stem the price slide when it meets on June 24. If it succeeds, that could put

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When Reckless Domestic Politics Steer Foreign Policy

Washington — So my friend Michael Mandelbaum, the forign policy expert from Johns Hopkins Inversity, calls me the other morning ith a trick question: "What's the difference," he asks me. "heavest of the mornent disputed border them."

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The content of the system of th University, calls me the other morning with a trick question: "What's the difference," he asks me, "between NATO expansion and the Indian nuclear tests?"

Think about it. When the Indians look at NATO expansion, argued Mr. Mandelbaum, they see the United States extending nuclear protection to Poland, Hungary and the Czech Re-

public — against Russia.

The United States has told these three countries — none of which share a common border with Russia or have any border disputes with Moscow — that at a time when the Russian Communist regime that once occupied Central Europe has been overthrown and replaced with Russian democrats, and this new Russian government has withdrawn from Central Europe and signed sweeping nuclear arms reduction treaties, Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic nevertheless need and are entitled to nuclear protection from Moscow.

At the same time, adds Mr. Mandelbaum, the United States is telling India that it is not really entitled to nuclear protection from China — a the creation of the illusion that the

Communists still rule and where democrats have been suppressed and a China that has not only refused to enter into any nuclear arms reduction treaties but is expanding its nuclear arsenal.

What's more, the United States has told the Indians that their nuclear tests were just a dangerous symbolic political gesture by the ruling Hindu nationalists to thrill their followers.

Let's see now ... a political gesture for domestic politics but with longterm, negative strategic consequences not readily apparent today. Hmm. This Indian nuclear test is exactly like NATO expansion.

What is the lesson here? It is that NATO expansion, India's nuclear tests and, I would add, Israel's refusal to accept U.S. proposals to break the Palestinian-Israeli stalemate because not every right-winger in the cabinet agrees, are all manifestations of the same phenomenon — the collapse of the Cold War international system and

provide a certain discipline and impose a certain prudence," by threatening very serious costs to anyone who would go too far in indulging his domestic whims on the world stage. The Soviet Union was there to block any NATO expansion with its own nukes. It was there to arm Israel's Arab foes at a moment's notice. And the United States was there to defend Pakistan at the drop of a hat. Reckless policies could and did have immediate, life-and-death consequences.

But the collapse of the Cold War system has changed that. It has created more space for assertive, domestically driven foreign policy initiatives that assume few, if any, external costs. That's because the international system that replaced the Cold War — globalization of markets and technologies —

provides a different set of disciplines. In the Cold War system you could be punished immediately and brutally by either superpower for strategic misbehavior, but economic misbehavior tended to be tolerated or ignored. In

This is because the immediate disciplining mechanism of two competing superpowers is gone, and therefore punishment now often has to await action by the United Nations, NATO, some ad

hoc coalition or global investors. The Cold War system was good ar restraining missile madness, by threat-ening those who misbehaved with the death penalty. The globalization system is better at restraining economic madness by threatening those who misbehave with loss of investment and

Which is why NATO expansion, Indian nuclear tests and Israeli obstinacy are all playing with fire. They are all acts of domestically driven foreign policy in a world system that now allows countries to be reckless - but not ridiculous. Actions still have consequences, the possibility of miscalculation and unintended escalations is still alive and well, and they can burst the restraints of any international system.

The New York Times.

Suharto's Record: Flawed but Nonetheless Admirable

By Robert Elegant

ROME—The resignation of President Suharto under intense pressure from popular demonstrations and finally from the military, which holds Sukamo's government and the the keys of power, is a great step forward for Indonesia. Alextraordinary circumstances under which Mr. Suharto came though it was against his will, to power in 1966. Mr. Suharto's peaceful depar-Mr. Sukarno was the most ture from power nonetheless glamorous, if not necessarily crowned decades of great ac-

complishment. Although gravely marred by the last 15 years or so of rampant corruption, forcible suppression of opposition and brutal, imperialistic expansion in East Timor, the overall record of Mr. Suharto's administration is, nonetheless, admir-

able. He and his American-educated technocrats transformed a nation that was literally bankrupt, with people on the verge of mass starvation. When Mr. Suharto stepped down, the people of Indonesia's 13,000odd islands were generally well off and better educated; they spoke the national language, as well as their own, widely divergent tongues; they no longer groaned under the oppression of the Javanese, the domineering natives of the largest island, and they truly felt themselves citizens of a nation whose motto is

"unity out of diversity." For the first time the voice of the people has been decisive. No transfer of power in the former East Indies thousands of years of history as an empire or as a congeries of principalities had ever before been determined by the public's wishes. Certainly no transfer of power in Indonesia's 50 years as a nominal re-

public had occurred peacefully. Wits used to say that Indonesia was the most stable nation in Asia, perhaps the entire world — after all, it had had only two presidents in half a century,

Sukarno and Suharto. That jape was inspired by the constant upheavals, the unceasing strife and the suffering that tormented Indonesia under the grandiose Sukarno. To truly appreciate Mr. Suharto it is

WASHINGTON — At a soccer game against Mexico in February, the Amer-

ican national team listened in

frustration as a chorus of boos

erupted during "The Star-

Thousands of fans threw

cups and bottles at the U.S.

players, often striking them.

They also attacked someone in

the stands who tried to unfurl an

in Mexico City but in Los Angeles. Most of the fans were

Mexican or Mexican-Ameri-

can. The extreme reactions to

their behavior were dishearten-

Pat Buchanan declared that

"the Melting Pot is freezing

over." On the other, a Los

Angeles Times editorialist said

that critics of the fans were

"xenophobic, nativist, protec-tionist and isolationist."

midst of an assimilation crisis

— one inspired not by immi-

grants but by an American in-telligentsia that has abandoned

the struggle to help newcomers

assimilate. Neither left nor right

knows how to respond to a trou-

bling incident like the Los

Angeles soccer match.
On the right, nativists argue

that immigrants are not capable of becoming American. "im-

migration is a failure because

assimilation, contrary to nation-

al myth, never really oc-curred," Chilton Williamson

wrote recently in the magazine Chronicles. Mr. Williamson, an

editor and writer for the con-

curred."

The United States is in the

On one side, the columnist

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ing but predictable.

necessary to have seen the Sukarno's disregard for almost catastrophic effects of Mr. everything except his own glory had produced acute material distress in Indonesia, which had endured several abortive revolts against him, one sponsored by the CIA. He was not only a stalking horse for the Communists,

the most effective, leader of the revolution that overthrew Dutch rule. He was also the most flamboyant, parading his sexual exploits. The Indonesian people were at first delighted by the great man as irresistible demagogue and, alternately, as lovable scamp. They greatly entaken away from him. joyed his antics, although the The coup opened with an astwo or three complaisant young sassination plot against the women provided by local govranking army generals. Aside

ernments every night of his from the chief of staff, who did state visits usually left the next not want supreme power, Mr. morning unsullied. Suharto was the only important the mid-1960s Mr. general to survive. He had

clambered over his garden wall, just escaping the assassins. The most junior general the night of the murders, he assumed power as the most senior still living. Although Mr. Subarto was party to the army's vengeful and merciless extermination of

sumed leftists, his normal style but a wastrel who scattered the national wealth like confetti. Sukarno's. His unpretentious In late 1965, Sukarno joined jeep even stopped at red lights. the Communist Party and the air Mr. Sukarno built a tall white force in what looked like a coup pillar topped by a golden flame, formally the National Monuagainst himself. He was actually seeking to regain the power ment but universally known as the anti-Communist army had Sukarno's last erection. Mr. Subarto's monuments are broad

> buildings and hotels. Assisted by overseas Chinese strategists and financiers, Mr. Suharto's technocrats, the laissez-faire economy that ternational Herald Tribune.

spread benefits throughout the islands. Jakarta, the capital, benefited most.

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When I first saw the city in the mid-1950s there were no hotels. no taxis, no dialing telephones.1 no supermarkets and few automobiles, restaurants or stores. several hundred thousand pre- All those appurtenances of modemity, as well as air conditionwas wholly different from Mr. ing, now exist in abundance. 7

Alienated by power and sy-" cophants from reality and responsibility, Mr. Suharto subsequently fostered corruption and looting of wealth all but unparalleled in Asia or elsewhere. Nonetheless, he has left Indonesia with the physical and boulevards lined by office the psychological basis for much greater modern growth.

The writer, author of a number of books on Asia, contrib-Berkeley mafia, built a largely uted this comment to the In-

A Plan to Get Indonesia Back on Its Feet

AKARTA — Indonesia is J fortunate to have ended the

32-year rule of President shed. The succession could have degenerated into civil war or over, the worst seems past. This is due to the restraint shown by the conflicting forces, especially Mr. Suharto himself, the armed forces command, opposition leaders and the students.

But Indonesia must now deal realistically with its unfinished political agenda. Instead of having a new president and vice president elected by a special session of the country's highest constitutional authority, the People's Consultative Assembly, Mr. Suharto elevated his vice president, B. J. Habibie, to replace him.

This transfer of power will not bring about the necessary reforms demanded by the public. Mr. Habibie was handpicked by Mr. Suharto and has

America's Assimilation Crisis

By John J. Miller

servative monthly, claims that

the Ellis Island generation of

immigrants never actually be-

On the left, multiculturalists

say that immigrants should not

have to become American. As

Juan Perea, a law professor at the University of Florida, says,

abandoned as a premise of American identity." For many

in the academic world, assim-

ilation is nothing but a gentri-

sible middle ground that sup-

ports some level of immigration

but also insists on assimilation.

Americans are confused about

what, if anything, they should

ment of the early 20th century

provides an effective blueprint

for how the United States should

greet today's immigrants. The

original Americanizers believed

that newcomers and natives

would have to reach an accord.

Immigrants needed to become

part of American society rather

their new home, such as learning

English, living by U.S. laws and

earning citizenship. Ultimately, they were to dedicate themselves

to the principles embodied in the

Declaration of Independence

and the U.S. Constitution, which

define American nationhood.

than mere sojourners in it. They had responsibilities to

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ask of immigrants.

As a result, many native-born

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By Jusuf Wanandi

no power base of his own. He is Suharto without much blood- a controversial figure without experience as a political leader. He is opposed by many groups anarchy. Although the process with influence in Indonesia. of political change is far from Military leaders are not happy with his presidency; they accepted him only because it was Mr. Suharto's wish.

As a result, Mr. Habibie does not have the support needed to rally the Indonesian elite and to get people to take the bitter medicine of economic reform. Although there are some good economic managers in his cabinet, most of its members were wellknown figures in the Suharto regime. The government thus lacks credibility.

Moreover, Mr. Habibie himself is not trusted by the financial markets because of his excessive spending on inefficient prestige projects while he was a cabinet minister under Mr. Suharto, and because of his unconventional ideas about economic policy.

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Frances Kellor, a leading

and lectures and wrote publi-

cations on the English language,

American history and natural-

ization. They used various private and public institutions,

including corporations, schools

and government offices, as engines of assimilation.

Today, we Americans no

longer know how to pass on the

ideals that bind us together. Pub-

lic schools engage in the charade

of bilingual education, which

rarely teaches children to speak

read and write in English as well

as they could. Government ra-

cial-preference policies treat

people as members of groups rather than as individuals.

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idea of eliminating the man-

datory test on U.S. history and

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comers. We must rediscover the

lost idea of Americanization. Whether we welcome few im-

migrants or many, we should

give every stranger a chance

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The writer is a political re-

porter for the National Review

and the author of "The Un-

making of Americans." He con-

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Americanizer, in 1916.

In his first statement when he announced his cabinet, Mr. Habibie did not mention the important role in Indonesia of multinational companies or big domestic firms. This raised a lot General Wiranto, there is now a of questions about where they fit into Mr. Habibie's policies. causing doubts that he can develop the strategies for overcoming Indonesia's deepening

economic crisis. Given the situation's gravity and Mr. Habibie's lack of public support, the nation has two options: to hold a special session of the People's Consultative Assembly or a general election for a new president and vice president as soon as possible.

If a general election is to be democratic, however, it will take at least a year to prepare. Laws that favored the ruling Golkar alliance and disadvantaged its challengers have to be rewritten. By the time this is done it will be too late to save the economy, which faces a dangerous meltdown in the next month or so.

That is why Indonesia should opt for the only other constitutional alternative: the House of Representatives, or Parliament, should call a special sesment [the immigrant] arrives in sion of the assembly within a month. It would elect a new president and vice president for a fixed term of two years with a specific mandate to revive the economy and hold general elections in line with the reforms expected by the public.

Indonesia has a range of leaders who would make capable presidents or vice presidents to carry out this task. In the meantime, the unity of

the armed forces is critical. In a country as large and diverse as: Indonesia, the armed forces are the guarantors of political stability as well as of national security.

Under their commander. stronger basis for military unity after a period of uncertainty before and during the succession struggle. But the military must respond wisely to the pressures' for reform if it wants to preserve its influence in the future.

The Indonesian people must never again take it for granted that their leaders will naturally undertake reforms. Government must be made accountable and

subjected to public scrutiny.
Only with new and credible leaders will Indonesians accept the harsh medicine of austerity and structural change needed: to overcome the economic crisis. And only with such leaders will investors and creditors provide the money that is critically important for the country's revival.

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Correction

Due to an editing error in an article on the Hong Kong elections (Opinion, May 26), the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong was incorrectly identified as the prodemocracy camp. It is the pro-Beijing group.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Canard Leaked

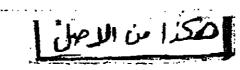
BERLIN - The "Berliner Tageblatt" publishes the following alleged semi-official communication: "The German Government is preparing to enter an energetic protest against any cession of the Philippines to France. The Government is of the opinion that it would be preferable to share the Philippines between the Powers interested." should be known that this communication is a "canard" intended to bring out the truth about the Franco-Spanish negotiations, which greatly occupy public opinion.

1923: Red Campaign

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany — The Communists are trying to starve the workers of the Ruhr into precipitating a social revolution, which, its instigators Germany. By measures ostensibly designed to force the reduction of food prices, but really calculated to bring all trade in foodstuffs to a halt, Lenin's disciples aim to transform a strike motivated by purely economic considerations into a campaign for out-and-out Bolshevism.

1948: 'World Citizen'

PARIS - The American Embassy in Paris confirmed that Garry Davis, New York actor and son of orchestra leader Meyer Davis, has renounced American citizenship to become a "citizen of the world." Davis was reported to be a disciple of a United World movement, of which the American poetess and art patron Mrs. Crosby is a moving spirit. Members of this group are given a special United World passport by Mrs. Crosby. Davis surrendered hope, will spread throughout as a United States citizen. his passport, and thus all rights



Natives had to keep their end New York Times.

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School Shootings Mask The Real Story of Crime

By James K. Glassman

WASHINGTON — Last Thursday, a skinny 15-year-old whose selfdescribed hobbies included "sugared cereal" and "throwing rocks at cars," fired 51 shots into a crowded high school cafeteria in Oregon. Two students died and 22 were wounded. The suspect, Kipland Kinkel, also was accused of killing his parents.

Television broadcasts and newspapers were full of the story. President Bill Clinton used his Saturday radio address to decry the "changing culture that de-sensitizes our children to violence." He asserted that these schoolhouse shootings

'are more than isolated incidents." So they seem. Since October, 14 teachers and students have been murdered. Let us stipulate that these killings are sickening and that it would be an enormous benefit to humanity to prevent the

The press is blowing individual incidents into national crises.

sicoting of a schoolchild from ever happening again. But let us also put these murders into perspective.

First, the truth about violence in America is that it is falling, not rising. In fict, the single biggest story since the fall of the Berlin Wall is the decline in serious cime. After climbing at a seemingly itexorable pace since the 1970s, crime las dropped — suddenly and broadly,

and for reasons still unexplained. From 1993 to 1996, the number of nurders fell 20 percent, and just four cays before the Oregon shootings, the IBI issued preliminary figures for 1997 nat found both murders and robbery own 9 percent and overall crime off for ne sixth straight year. Murders in New ork City fell a stunning 22 percent in

997; in Los Angeles, 20 percent. "It's hard to think of a social trend of reater significance," Gordon Witkin of J.S. News & World Report wrote last reek. As crime rates have declined, cities - most significantly New York, where ne murder rate is lower than in Kansas ity, Missouri, and Charlotte, North Carlina — have revived. Burglary and caraeft rates are now higher in Britain and weden than in America. Government, at ast, is beginning to accomplish its most mportant function — to protect us so we

an pursue happiness in our daily lives. Second, while the killing of any oung person is appalling, a sense of proportion is necessary. The United States has 38 million children between he ages of 10 and 17 and 20,000 secondary schools. In 1994, there were no school shootings in which more than one person was killed; last year, there were four, this year, two. In 1995 (the ear of the latest statistics), 319 children aged 10 to 14 were murdered; for people aged 70 to 74, the figure is 50 percent

higher. Again, the real story is the opposite of the portrait of chaos and anguish painted in the press. A new study by the National Bureau of Economic Research finds that young people are "getting happier" while "older Americans, by contrast, indicated little change in their degree of happiness."

You have to wonder about the claims of pop psychologists and of the president himself when he says, as he did Saturday, that the rising tide of murders and mayhem on TV, in movies and on video games is turning kids into killers. Indeed, U.S. News noted that juvenile murder

arrests declined 14 percent from 1994 to 1995 and 14 percent from 1995 to 1996. Mr. Clinton is going to have to think of a phenomenon other than video gore on which to blame the shootings.

Here is one idea: the inordinate play these stories get in the press. Children like Kipland Kinkel are bombs waiting for detonation, and the media, by blar-ing their exploits on the front pages and the nightly news, may be helping to light the fuse. I am not in favor of sup-pression, but I am opposed to obsession, which is what we have now.

At a Harvard symposium recently, one panelist pointed out that local TV news shows import violent footage now that local criminals are not turning out enough products. (There were only 43 murders in Boston last year, the fewest since 1961.)

In an era of peace and prosperity, the press finds little to excite the imagination, and prey on the fears, of its audience. In such an atmosphere one choice would be to examine larger, long-range problems, such as how to fix Social Security. Another is to blow individual incidents in small towns in Oregon into national crises.

This is an especially irresponsible approach because most people practice a kind of social synecdoche — they believe that the part equals the whole, that a single shooting (or even four in a year) can mean that child murderers are rampant and that some new solution is required. The press consistently fails to put events into context, even when statistics show what is happening in the aggregate.

So what is the meaning of the schoolhouse murders? Frankly, not much. The meaning of the hysteria over them ...

now, that is worth looking into. Washington Post Writers Group

In India, Things Go Better With Self-Reliance

By Sunanda K. Datta-Ray

S INGAPORE — India must be the only country in the world where Coke yields in the public popularity stakes to a local cola.

The preference says much for the social and cultural orientation of the world's second-most populous country, It could also have profound meaning for the sweep-

MEANWHILE

ing economic sanctions imposed on India by the United States in punishment for the nuclear tests carried out under Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and his Bharatiya Janata Party.

I was not surprised to read of Coca-Cola's limping sales in India. It is not a drink of my generation. Our adolescence was the age of stringent foreign exchange restrictions and import substitution.

Instead of squandering its rupees on luxuries, India shopped abroad only for es-sentials like machinery, life-saving drugs — and weapons. As memories of imported indulgences faded, lifestyles adiusted to a new set of bare material requirements.

Coke is not the only casualty. Take Tabasco sauce. When the local equivalent, Capisco, appeared in almost identical packaging, someone said that no one would buy it

gotten used to doing without Tabasco! It was not with any sense of deprivation, either. that we drank whisky, gin and rum that the government called rather quaintly IMFL—

Indian-made foreign liquor. Under Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister. there was no greater evil than conspicuous consumption.

Of course, there were exceptions. People with undisclosed income splurged on caviar and champagne. Shops with hidden stocks of smuggled goods catered furtively to a tiny urban elite. Agents, like the youth we called "the chocolate man," went from office to office with battered gladstone bags filled with contraband chocolates. cheese and cosmetics. But the vast majority of Indians was quite happy with whatever was made at home.

Taste began to change when Rajiv Gandhi, Nehru's grandson, came on the political scene and later became prime minister. His fondness for things Western started with his Italian wife.

The predilection had both positive and negative aspects. Mr. Gandhi introduced computers to India. During the Asian Games in New Delhi which he and his friends managed, though his mother. Indira, was still prime minister - a temporary relaxation of - that long ago we had all import rules resulted in a flood tion, did not have a point in

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brought in as "spares." The Rajiv Gandhi years exoreised the disapproving morality that had kept conspicuous consumption in check. It became respectable to flaunt wealth, which meant displaying a taste for Western luxuries.

The trend became more marked under the economic liberalization that Prime Minister P. V. Narasimha Rao. himself a man of spartan simplicity, set off in 1991. I could not help wondering whether Mr. Vajpayee and his colleagues, then in the opposi-

demanding that foreign investment should be confined to computer chips, leaving potato chips to domestic

The prospect of a locally made Mercedes-Benz sedan that costs 142 times the average per capita income of \$350 a year heightens the iniquitous contrast between rich and poor. Economists will say this is only a short-term effect, but with 30 percent of India's 960 million people below the poverty line, even the short term can be a very long time.

Of course, foreign sanctions will cause hardship and set

back the thrust for modernization. But they might turn out to be a blessing in disguise if, by forcing Indians to rethink priorities and fine-tune growth strategies, they lead to the rehabilitation of those two Nehruvian ideals - self-reliance and austerity - that have disappeared from the na-

WE MADE THEM ALL UNDERGROUND TESTS SO THERE WOULDN'T BE ANY FALLOUT.

The writer, a former editor of The Statesman in India, is an editorial consultant with The Straits Times in Singapore. He contributed this comment to the International Her-



By James D. Wolfensohn and Kathryn S. Fuller

WASHINGTON — Some may think it unusual that the heads of a global development bank and an international conservation organization should make common cause to protect the world's forests. The interests of finance and ecology are more often seen as being in conflict. But the need to break free of such stereotypes is urgent. The world's forests are dying, and it is only by acting together that we can help save them.

Nearly two-thirds of the earth's original forest cover is gone, and what remains is disappearing at the rate of more than one acre per second. In the past three months alone, the Brazilian Amazon has lost forests covering an area the size of Belgium to fires set deliberately to clear land. Nearly all of Southeast Asia, meanwhile, remains cloaked in acrid smoke from forest fires.

The ecological cost of this destruction is devastating. Scientists estimate that about 100 species are driven into extinction every day, primarily through loss of their forest habitats. Many of these plant and animal species are critical not only to the earth's biodiversity but to specialized fields such as medicine. A frog living in Peru produces a painkiller more powerful, but less addictive, than morphine; a flower growing in Madagascar is used in the treatment of leukemia. But forests are more than nature's pharmacies; they absorb carbon gases that create global warming.

Like the ecological costs, the economic costs of deforestation are astronomically high, running into the billions of dollars annually. In the end, the burthe poor of the developing world. Too often, conservation is depicted as a concern of the rich. This view is tragically shortsighted.

Economies cannot remain healthy unless the resources on which they depend are sustainably managed. True, rich countries can afford to spend more on conservation than poor ones. But economies that degrade their environments for short-term gain are rarely stable and never sustainable.

Nowhere is this more obvious than in our mismanagement of the world's forests. At the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro six years ago, the international community acknowledged the danger and committed itself to a more sustainable future. But that promise has not been kept. Forests are often called the lungs of the world for their role in helping to regulate the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide. Yet everywhere we look, from the rain forests of the Amazon to the boreal forests of North America, the lungs are gasping.

As leaders of organizations concerned about both the ecological and economic viability of forests, we believe we must do more to save them. Therefore, the World Bank and WWF have formed an alliance for the conservation and sustainable use of forests.

This alliance has two objectives. Currently, only 6 percent of the world's forests are protected: We propose to increase that figure to at least 10 percent

den of these costs falls most heavily on of each of the world's major forest types by the year 2000. Second, we will work with countries, assisting them with our resources and our expertise, to put 500 million acres of forest under independent certification by 2005.

Twenty-one countries in addition to Brazil have pledged to meet our 10 percent target, and we will work to get similar commitments from others, helping them with both the science and the resources required to select and protect their forests

By itself, however, this will not be

management policies and make conservation investments involving all levels of society. Governments must be encouraged not only to create more ecologically representative protected areas but also to surround them with sustainably managed buffer zones. Verifying sustainable management through inde-pendent, third-party certification can be an invaluable means toward this end. Offering consumers the choice of buying "good wood" — products certified as having come from responsibly managed forests -- can harness market demand to

the drive for sustainable forestry.

enough. We also must reform forest-

Last, but not least, to conserve forests we must take into account the needs of the people who live in them.

Creative mechanisms such as transition funding must be developed to help local communities invest in sustainability. In all of our endeavors we must be particularly sensitive to the needs and rights of indigenous

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The State of Israel

Regarding "Lamenting a Lost Zion at 50" (Meanwhile, Máy 19) by Helen Motro: The author says the Jewish state "chose to define itself as

a parochial nation-state and bred a half-century of violence." On the contrary, Israel defined itself as a state that "will ensure complete equality of social and political ligious extremists, no more obsession with security.

than 10 percent of Israelis. It is true that Israel has suffered 50 years of intermittent violence. This calamity has not been "bred" by Israel but resulted from the rejection by the entire Arab world of the

Oby 90 percent of Israelis. The made peace with the Jewish pejorative characterization of state, which accounts for Is-

A fair report on the treattire Arab world.

> The writer is senior rabbi of the Washington Hebrew Congregation.

anniversary seem to point to an epidemic case of loss of many with a palpable sense of cussing the country's They find contemporary Isachievements.

This is a flawed society in sins of commission, sins of convenience, sins of racism Israel is their home. and of laziness, sins of of who we are.

Israel at 50 is, fundamentally, size of my dwelling. But they an unequaled story of suc- are, at best, no more than bit cess, not to mention a his- players in the saga of an enor-

The establishment of the every one of us counts. state of Israel has fundamento keep in mind as we con- whole. template the national aspirations of the Palestinians.

Our failures form part of the ment of Arabs in Israel should complete picture of the Zionhave mentioned the employ- ist enterprise without affectment of Arabs in the civil ser- ing the magnitude of its sucvice, their unhindered right of cess. Like any other nation, political organization, repres- we will be able to safeguard entation in Israel's legislature our achievements only when and the recent nomination of we move beyond embarrassan Arab judge to Israel's Su- ment and allow ourselves to preme Court. Nothing com- assess those achievements acparable is imaginable for non- curately. Vision and historical Muslim minorities in the en- perspective are required as much now for the maintenance of a healthy Israel as they were 50 years ago for the process of nation-building.

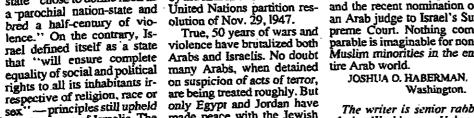
NOGA TARNAPOLSKY.

In my immediate circle of Reactions to Israel's 50th friends, immigrants from Western countries, there are perspective, with few people disappointment about the capable of reasonably dis- way that Israel has developed. rael too materialistic and militaristic, too obscurantist and which, undoubtedly, we have Orthodox, too argumentative sinned: sins of omission and and arrogant. But they won't "go home" because, after 30, hubris, sins of arrogance and 40 or 50 years in this country.

I have been here for 47 iniquity. Nevertheless, these years. My friends who resins do not form the sum total mained in the States have three or four cars to my one The story of the state of and houses that are twice the torical anomaly of great con- mous nation, while here in Israel we know that each and

Like other Israeli parents, I tally altered Jewish reality, always live in fear of what French Jews, British Jews and might happen to my children even American Jews exercise in the army. But my children the influence they have not have been infected with the only on behalf of Israel but also bug that infected me; they feel because of Israel. If nothing that they must look after not else, we have learned the value only their own interests but of self-reliance, a useful lesson also those of society as a

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'parochial' applies to the re-rael's "siege mentality" and



The Republicans play the China card.



Didier Levallet, left: "In France there is a strong tradition that the state has a responsibility to support the arts."

Solid 'Salammbo' at the Bastille *

By David Stevens International Herald Tribune

ARJS - After almost a decade of playing catch-up with the standard repertoire, the Opera Bastille has finally been endowed with its first world premiere: Philippe Fenelon's "Salammbo," in a solid and well-received production.

The 45-year-old French composer has his dramatic foot in the 19th century and his musical one in the 20th in this adaptation of Flaubert's exotically colored novel of power politics and purple passion in the crumbling social structure of ancient Carthage.

There is a mixture here of old wine in new bottles and new wine in old, but Fenelon and his libretrist, Jean-Yves Masson, have done a shrewd job of creating a work that is traditional in structure but, while speaking with a relatively modern orchestral voice, enriched by a large body of percussion and

an electronic tape used at dramatically specific moments. The novel is rich in description and amosphere, but short on dislocations are also specific to the second specific tables. on dialogue and characterization. Masson's libretto strengthens the characters' profiles, while the composer gives them eminently singable lines.

It is the third century B.C. and

Carthage is in a state of crisis. The mercenaries hired by Hamilcar are grumpy about not being paid. Two of the leaders, Matho and Narr'Havas, become rivals for power and for the love of Salammbo, Hamilcar's daughter and leader of a peaceful cult. Matho wins her favors, but

ends badly for them anyway. Francesa Zambello, aided by Robert Israel's monumental, two-level setting and Marie-Jeanne Lecca's colorful costumes, does a good job of clarifying the sometimes confusing action and the many social, ethnic and political groups involved

The American mezzo soprano Emily Golden was outstanding in the title role,

strong dramatically and vocally and investing her part with more nuance than it really has. Gidon Saks was a powerful Hamilear, Patrick Raftery (Matho) and Stephen O'Mara (Narr Havas) were the two tenor rivals, and LeRoy Villanueva was the over-ambitious slave Spendins.

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¶HE highly adventurous Kronos Quartet, now on a tour to relebrate 25 years of expanding the string-quarter literature gave three concerts at the Theatre de la Ville. One was made up largely of arrangements ranging from Guillaume de Machaut and Thomas Tallis to such idiosyncratic moderns as Henryk Gorecki John Cage and Astor Piazzolla.

Most impressive, however, was the concert that concentrated on 20th-century classics, including Berg's 'Lyric Suite,'
Webern's Opus 9 Bagatelles and Bartok's Quartet No. 3, along with George Crumb's "Black Angels," a theatrical work the group has made its own.

France's 'Jacobin' Jazz Orchestra

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

ARIS - In the May issue of Down Beat magazine, Wynton Marsalis "analyzes the positive aspects" of his "favorite trumpeters." all of whom turn out to live. metaphorically speaking, on the same block.

They all play with the same aesthetic and follow pretty much the same rules. All seven are American. Marsalis knows them all; he has played with most of them and they play more or less like he does.

When you have his kind of power it's natural to build up people you are close to, but there are limits. How about a Parisian composer being asked to choose his favorite composers and somehow they all turn out to be Parisian? The town that is "so hip they named it twice: New York, New York" should be confident enough not to be provincial. True, some of these trumpeters may not live in New York, but most do and Marsalis certainly does. New York is where they make their mark. But this is not the way of a truly Big Apple.

The global village is already here. Nothing new about it. Creative music is made everywhere. Add it up, don't slice it off. And for people who take the category "world music" seriously, it's already here, too. It's called jazz and it horrows from everywhere.

Everywhere you go in the developed world you find jazz trumpet players with "positive aspects" worthy of praise. Enrico Rava and Paolo Fresu in Italy, Tomasz Stanko in Warsaw, Alexandre Sipiagin commuting between Moscow and Brooklyn, Franco Ambrosetti in Lugano, Switzerland.

They are not superstars, but neither are all of those picked by Marsalis, Each of the above could hold his own with just about anybody; they influence others in their own territories and they are in demand there. Their only "problem" is that they have the bad luck of being born in and the poor judgment of living in the "wrong" place. That is the view from the Apple.

This brings us to a very odd place indeed.

Born in Barbados, Harry Beckett, a Londoner, plays the trumpet with L'Orchestre National de Jazz in France. It is to the credit of the French that they have summoned him from across the Channel nounced the formation of the orchestra at

to play, as it were, under their colors. The orchestra is sponsored by the state to demonstrate how good the French are at playing music made in America. "In France there is a very strong tradition that the state has a responsibility to support the arts," said the bassist Didier Levallet, the orchestra's leader, finding himself on the defensive. This is not true in Britain, not in Ger-

many, certainly not in the U.S."
"What a French idea!" Americans will exclaim as Levallet, who has a "global vision of jazz," describes the principle behind the orchestra as "Jacobin." Only in France — a Jacobin jazz band. The stare pays each player a salary. They average something like \$2,500 a month, eight months a year. This includes health insurance, sick leave, retirement and so on. The other four months they are eligible to collect unemployment.

They can also take gigs of their own, although the orchestra has first call. The state subsidy covers 66 percent of the overhead. The rest comes from ticket and record sales and specific grants, both public and private.

The jazz orchestra is an official representative of French culture. "National" implies a qualitative guarantee. It is respected, according to Levallet, even by French classical musicians who you think might consider it competition. Jazz subsidies, however, are not nearly as serious as those for classical music.

Americans have always had trouble appreciating the quality of the music they invented and gave to the world." Levallet said. "So you can imagine how much trouble they have accepting a French version of it. The orchestra has never played in the states. It will never happen. I do not think the American public is very interested in French jazz. A hint of a smile accompanies the understatement.

The orchestra has exciting soloists, tight ensembles, and it swings. If the members Americanized their names, they could slip past the sentinels at the gates of hip and work for \$40 a night one night a week like any other big band speaking the international language in New York. At the very least, the orchestra is proof that America no longer

nounced the formation of the orchestra at what he termed his "first jazz press conference" in January 1986. Just what this country needs, people thought - more functionaries, another bureaucracy.

But Lang went on to say: "We have tried to build a system of constant change within a permanent structure, It's an adventure.

The orchestra changes both leaders and personnel every two or three years, So, in fact, they are not functionaries.

On the contrary. Renewal is built-in. There is a new show every three years at most. The players and original music reflect the personality of each chief. Levallet has been leading the sixth version of the orchestra for almost a year.

There is no rule specifying the necessity, but all the leaders so far have been French. Sidemen, however, have included the Americans Aaron Scott (McCoy Tyner's drummer), Glenn Ferris on trombone and the saxophonist Bobby Rangell. Two Britons, Harry Beckett and Chris Biscoe (reeds), are in the current lineup, as is the Belgian trombonist Phil Abraham.

EVALLET considers bureaucratic detail a reasonable price to pay for the luxury of having a world-class band at his disposal to rehearse and record his own music and his arrangements of other people's music, and to perform it around the

This year alone, the jazz orchestra will have performed in Ukraine, Finland, Lithuania, Britain, Spain, Turkey, Portugal and France. A musician in Kiev told Levallet, "We want to live the way this orchestra sounds." Levallet calls combining cultural conditions 'my thing.' He added, "I like to stress the similarities rather than the differences between styles."

He was present at the meeting in 1985 where the decision was made to form the jazz orchestra. "The idea was sold to Jack Lang based on the illusion that jazz would pay off politically, that it would attract the votes of young people, Levallet said, laughing at the irony. "After that, I have the impression that Lang got more interested in rock."



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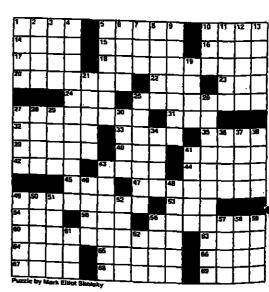
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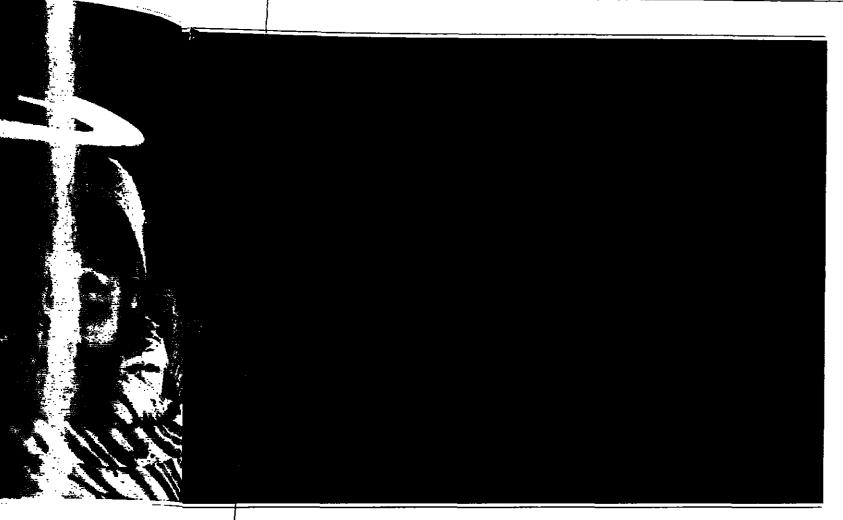
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A Murky 'Nabokov's Gloves'

But at the Jermyn, a Glorious Musical Mockery

By Sheridan Morley hitemational Herald Indiana

ONDON - The title of Peter Moffat's new play at Hampstead, "Nabokov's Gloves," needs a little explaining. It appears, though this is only very tenuously covered by the play itself, that the author of "Lolita" was also an eager butterfly collector who took the usual precaution of covering his hands before dealing with his favorite creatures.

We are perhaps meant to understand from this that people as well as butterflies are frugile but interesting if examined under microscopic conditions.

Certainly the lawyers gathered around the table in Moffat's play are shaky enough in their own skins, but it is significant that before this stage premiere, the play should have received an award for "new writing" by a tele-Vision station.

'Nabokov's Gloves' resembles nothing more closely than one of those television pilots that rapidly introduces one to a whole gang of neighbors or doctors or, ves, lawvers whose lives and problems we are to follow in the weeks ahead. But with a stage play there are no weeks ahead, so Moffat has to race through half a dozen case histories in a brisk couple of hours.

We meet Nick to dour Greg Wise) who, despite being married to a winningly winsome doctor (Niamh Cusack) falls catastrophically in love with one of his clients, a dour heroin addict and dealer who might just possibly have been caught up in parental murder.

As if that weren't enough, we also get the wise older clerk of the chambers (David Cardy, memorably complaining that his gazpacho is cold) and Beatie Edney as Darling, yet another career lawyer turned so cynical that you wonder why the meal she is forever cooking hasn't curdled in her own despair. True, she has a wonderful recipe that involves stuffing a chicken with a beer can refilled with white wine, a truly stomachchurning sight, but beyond that Moffat seems fatally undecided whether he is writing a courtroom thriller, an attack on the cynical and self-serving evasions of the legal profession or a loving account of some truly wounded souls clinging to each other for comfort outside the Inns of Court.

Although the director lan Brown does what he can to tie up all the loose ends, there are rather too many of them left

In a summer already alive with the sound of old musicals, "Sweet Charity," the greatest of all Cy Coleman's

There is nothing much wrong with this revival that couldn't be solved by the injection of several million dollars and an almost entirely new cast. The difficulty is that the show is already surrounded by the ghosts of such one-time Broadway greats as Bob Fosse, Gwen Verdon, Juliet Prowse and, on film, Shirley MacLaine and Sammy Davis Jr. Those are almost impossible memories to beat, and though Bonnie Langford has

at last thrown off her Shirley Temple problems to become an infinitely hardworking, talented and feisty Charity, every other expense on the show has been spared with the result that the rest of the company seems not so much undercast as barely cast at all.

In a tacky production that looks as it it has been on the road for years instead of weeks. a crucial lesson has never been understood: "Sweet Charity" may be set in and around a tawdry nightclub, but it needs to

look like a million dollars. Here everything from the scenery to the choreography to the lighting looks returned from the pawnshop unsold.

This is definitely amateur night, with only Langford and Mark Wynter, as the Mastroianni-like lover, giving anything more than barely adequate performances; everything that should be brisk and glib and cynical is slow and tired and as worn out already as the girls in search of their Big Spender.

As for the Rhythm of Life, it seems to have been halted altogether: A oncegreat showstopper now signally fails to stop a show that has already died of its own inertia and underfunding on the long road from Bromley, where it opened and should have closed.

UCH better news, however, at the tiny Jermyn Street Theatre, where John Meyer's "The Betrayal of Nora Blake" is a wonderful addition to that long tradition of (usually off-Broadway) musical mockeries, shows like "Dames at Sea" and "Little Mary Sunshine" that managed simultaneously to celebrate and parody certain genres of old Hollywood movies.

This time we are in the 1946 world of Lana Turner and Barbara Stanwyck movies, about mysterious but magnificently glamorous women caught up in murder plots of incredible complexity. As author, composer and lyricist, Meyer has come up with a masterly parody of all that and more, a score that harks back to Miklos Rosza and Franz Waxman. The actor Nickolas Grace, meanwhile, has Broadway hits, comes back to us at the

Victoria Palace looking all of its 30 directed an amazingly nimble production making the best use I have ever seen

of the cramped Jermyn Street stage.
As the sisters, Claire Moore (the good) and Issy Van Randwyck (the bad) are just wonderful, while around them Michael Mateus, Andrew Wadsworth, John Levitt and Ann Wakefield make up an equally agile cast, all of whom must have spent hours watching midnight reruns of all the movies of this very precise postwar time to come up with such deadly accurate and wickedly mocking performances. This show clearly has a strong future off-Broadway; but having opened over here first for a change, I just hope it stays around long enough to catch the rest of us old movie freaks.

A couple of seasons ago off-Broadway, "Rent" jolted the American musical back to some kind of shaky life after a decade of almost nothing but London imports. It won countless awards for its creator, Jonathan Larson, including the Pulitzer, though tragically he never lived to receive any of them, dying at 35 just

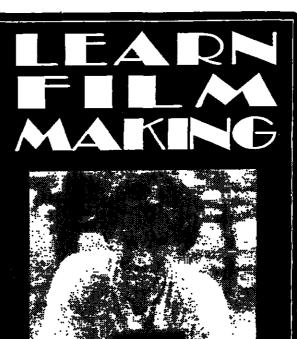
before his show went into preview.

Something about his sudden death gave "Rent" almost mythic status, and it is still selling out all over America. Seen now at the Shaftesbury, however, it comes up looking like "Hair" for the brain-dead, a musical already totally overtaken by such later Broadway hits "The Life" and "Ragtime."

Sure there is a lot of noise and energy here, but the work comes from nowhere and goes nowhere very slowly. There are, after the interval, a couple of good songs, but in hijacking the plot of "La Boheme" and ramming into the 1990s America of music videos and electronic amplification, Larson has somehow failed to add anything to the original creation.

You have only to think of the way in which Boublil and Schonberg took 'Madama Butterfly'' and rebuilt it for the Vietnam War as "Miss Saigon" to judge the extent of the failure here. 'Rent' is at once noisy and very hard to hear, and its parts never add up to anything whole.

As if terrified of giving his audience time to think, the director Michel Greif moves the show at such a pace that you never really get to care about any of the downtown loft-squatting group of Manhattan dropouts trying to raise the rent of the title. The story line is ramshackle, the show itself hopelessly fragmented, and yet there remain some isolated moments of a yearning, tentative, lyrical love that offer glimpses of the show Larson might one day have written had



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A Rare Chance For Meyerbeer But 'Le Prophete' Falls Short

By George W. Loomis International Herald Tribune

time that an opera by Giacomo Meyachieved in the 19th century.
In a perfect world, this

er's new production of "Le Prophete" crowned an unprecedented tribute this season to the composer's specialty - that elaborate, action-packed genre known as French grand opera.

Samples by Verdi ("Les Vepres Siciliennes'') and Wagner ("Rienzi," a French grand opera in all but language and national origin) had already been displayed. The latest venture boasted Placido Domingo in the central role of Jean of Leyden, the false prophet engendered by the Anabaptist revolt in 16th-century Germany.

The opera can make for a pleasurable evening and did so last Thursday. But only when a production takes Meyerbeer's stage craft at face value and proves it can work will his operas surmount the bitter criticism, born of anti-Semitism, that has long dogged their reputation.

Wagner profited from Meyerbeer artistically but turned on him famously in the odious essay "Judaism in Music." "Effects without causes" was his catch-phrase for Meyerbeer and it stuck. Effects there are, and spec-tacular ones to be sure, but Meyerbeer and his librettist, Eugene Scribe planned their works with meticulous care. The music of "Le Proph-

ete" has much surface appeal but it also has psychological depth, most of all in its portrayal of Jean, the well meaning tavern-keeper whose experience with feudal tyranny made him easy prey for the Anabaptists, and his relationship with his mother, Fides. Meyerbeer treats Jean sympathetically, but he was no cham-Prophete" is more about the what Meyerbeer retained.

corge W. Loomis the injustice of oppression.

"IENNA — It's high Hans Neuenfels seemed to sense the bias by having farm by Giacomo Mey- laborers toil in the opening erbeer scored a scene while well-heeled chormodern success comparable isters --- arranged to look like to those they routinely Meyerbeer's bourgeois audience — extolled the loveli-ness of the "serene day." But would have happened here his show couldn't begin to last week, when the Staatsop-refute Wagner's charge because the opera's "effects" were routinely ignored.

Much of Neuenfels's contribution seemed more in tune with absurdist theater than forthright historical drama. lrrelevant props abounded, and Reinhard van der Thannen's sets had Fides's prison cell looking like a furniture warehouse, complete with working television set. Under the circumstances, it was no surprise that Jean's coronation scene, its famous march moved to another point in the opera, came off as something less that the "miracle" Verdi called it. At least the performance

had a powerful asset in Domingo's Jean. It was not just that he sang like a prince. Equally heartening was the remarkable display of artistic spirit this superstar demonstrated by taking on so challenging a new role at age 57. He paced himself beautifully and, aided by a few minor edits, sounded as fresh in the final drinking song as he had three hours before.

An ideal Fides will have warmly enveloping, motherly tones, as well as razor-sharp coloratura. Agnes Baltsa was deficient on both counts, and Neuenfels didn't help matters by making Fides into a fash-ion-conscious, rather forbidding figure. But Baltsa's intensely committed performance earned her an ovation.

Viktoria Loukianetz contributed lovely, lyrical singing as Bertha, Jean's devoted sweetheart. She sang the death-scene arioso Meyerbeer deleted before the premiere, which helps bolster Bertha as a character. But one questioned the wisdom of restoring this music when the conductor pion of the underdog. "Le Marcello Viotti cut a fair bit of

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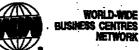
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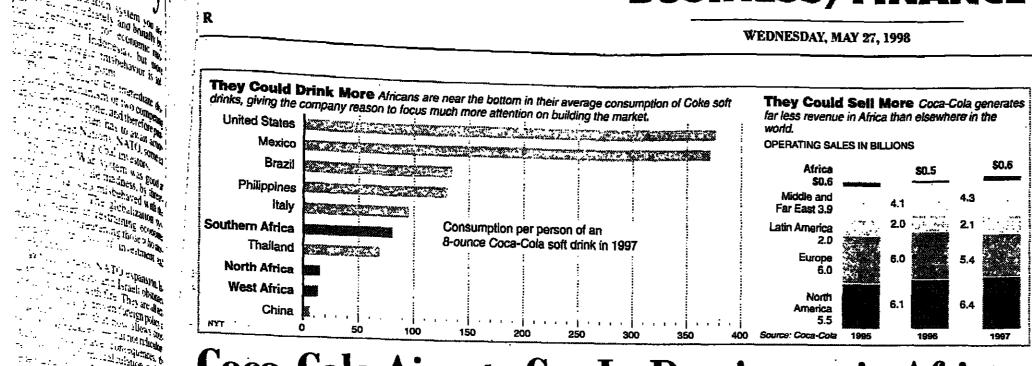
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Coca-Cola Aims to Cap Its Dominance in Africa

Netscape Communications Corp. has the lawsuits with studied indifference.

announced it had won a big contract to liability of the company," James

its new strategy to turn itself into a the suits were filed. "We're off to

Web-based information service in many other bigger things right now."

nificantly help Netscape over the long win and how long it will take.

By Constance L. Hays and Donald G. McNeil Jr. New York Times Service

On the edge of the black South African township of Soweto, perched atop Vic de Villiers's gas-station roof, is a retired South African Air Force warplane known as the Coke Bomber.

This month, workers showed up to give the plane, which bears the Coca-Cola Co.'s trademark red logo, a fresh paint job, courtesy of Coke. Coke is now also paying Mr. de Villiers to illuminate

the plane at night. Elsewhere in South Africa, in the vast Orange Farm shantytown outside Johannesburg, the refrigerators at tiny "spaza shops," run out of the backs of tin and cinderblock houses, carry Coca-Cola products supplied by local distributors who have plenty of incentive to keep them filled with Coke bottles.

Meshack Malindi, one such distribntor, says that if he can beat all his rivals to double-digit sales growth, he will win a trip to the soccer World Cup in France this summer.

To the north, in Angola, local officials in the town of Bonjesus are awaiting the construction of a \$30 million Coke bottling plant. Meanwhile, in Ghana on the West African coast, a \$34 million plant is already in full swing.

These are among the many signs that Coke is heating up its efforts in Africa. Coca-Cola has been available in South Africa for 60 years and in West Africa for 30, and its trademark glass bottles turn up in Ugandan villages, Madagascar roadside huts and Zairian refugee camps.

But the company has long tended to ignore Africa's underdeveloped markets, and only recently has the continent acquired priority status - a decision made largely by Coke's new chairman and

chief executive, M. Douglas Ivester.
Mr. Ivester toured Africa in January 1997, nine months before being named to Coke's top job. His new Africa strategy, presented formally to the board in December, aims to double sales -they were 712 million cases last year, a meager 3 percent of the company's global total — in five years.

The strategy has several parts: "To be very candid, Africa has not strengthening Coke's bottler network, historically been a real priority for the

By Andrew Pollack

New York Times Service

MOUNTAIN VIEW, California --

done a lot of crowing in the last week. It

supply Citibank with software for elec-

tronic commerce. It outlined details of

competition with America Online Inc.

And, oh yes, the Justice Department

and 20 states filed antitrust suits against

The lawsuits, if successful, could sig-

its arch-rival, Microsoft Corp.

and Yahoo Inc.

increasing the ranks of its outlets and intensifying its marketing to consumers.

Coca-Cola Co., Mr. Ivester said in a speech at the World Economic Forum in During Phase 1 last year, an estimated 50,000 coolers and refrigerators were installed, many in places such as Orange Farm that only recently got electricity, to

put Coke products within easier reach. Coke is spending freely to build its network of bottlers and sales people, both on its own and through its anchor bottler, Coca-Cola Sabco. It is also using local institutions, from universities to soccer tournaments, to propel its strategy along.

run, company officials said. Despite

that, and despite years of complaining

that Microsoft was competing unfairty,

The legal action "is not an asset or

Netscape executives greeted the filing of

Barksdale, the president and chief ex-

ecutive, said in his first interview since

The stock market reaction was also

subdued. On the day the suits were

filed, May 18, Netscape shares fell

68.75 cents, to \$27.25. Part of the rea-

son for caution is that it is not yet clear

whether or what the government will

Netscape Studiously Plays Down Microsoft Antitrust Suit

Davos. Switzerland, this year. "But over the past two years, we have come to

a very different perspective."

That shift came about, he said, because of African population growth — there are 610 million people in the continent now and may be a billion by 2020 - and disproportionately low sales. The percapita consumption is 27 eight-ounce Coke servings a year, tiny compared with North America (358) or Latin America (187). Even though Coke, at 20 to 80

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"The suit could take months, if not

But Netscape, the one-time Internet

Competition from Microsoft's

superstar that has fallen on hard times,

needs to move faster than that to right

browser has clearly hit the smaller

company hard. Netscape reported a loss of \$115.5 million in 1997 on sales of

\$534 million. Netscape's shares closed

Tuesday at \$23.875, down \$1, amid

anticipation that the company would

report a loss for the second quarter. The

report was to be released after the close

There is also a complex politics of

of trading in New York.

its business, he and others said.

longer," said Michael Parekh of Gold-

man, Sachs & Co.

ABN-AMRO Makes Bid For Generale de Banque

\$12.3 Billion Offer Tops One Made by Fortis

AMSTERDAM — ABN-AMRO Holding NV offered 447.6 billion Belgian francs (\$12.3 billion) in cash and stock Tuesday for Generale de Banque SA, topping an all-stock offer by Fortis in a bid to become Europe's third-largest bank.

In what would be the biggest foreign

purchase by a Dutch company, ABN-AMRO offered 19 shares plus 9,000 Belgian francs in cash for each share of the Belgian bank. The bid was worth 27,080 francs a share, based on Monday's closing price, a premium of 16 percent. Fortis's bid is now worth 25,433 francs a share.

A successful bid would give ABN-

AMRO, which was spurned in its attempts to buy Compagnie Financiere de CIC of France in April, a gateway to France and larger international operations as Europe prepares for monetary union next year.

An acquisition of Generale de Banque would also give ABN-AMRO a spring-board into northern Italy, establishing a second European hub to go with its sup-porting pillar in the U.S. Midwest, where it owns Standard Federal Bancorp., La-

Salle National Corp. and Chicago Corp. ABN-AMRO's bid came a week after Generale de Banque accepted an offer from Fortis, a Belgian-Dutch financial concern, which is willing to pay seven

tives do not want to be perceived as

would play into Microsoft's contention

that the lawsuits will not help con-

sumers but will merely bail out a hand-

ful of competitors that cannot hold their

highly focused on what it says are Mi-

crosoft's attempts to use its near-mono-

poly in computer operating systems to

promote its Internet Explorer Web

browser at the expense of Netscape's

Navigator. As a remedy, Justice wants

Microsoft to either stop bundling its

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The Justice Department's suit seems

own in the marketplace.

'whiners," Mr. Barksdale said. That

shares in Fortis AG, its Belgian arm, for every three Generale Bank shares it does not own. Fortis declined to comment on its next move before studying the ABN-AMRO bid.

Generale Bank's biggest shareholder, Societe Generale de Belgique SA, or SGB, which has already agreed to transfer its 29.2 percent stake to Fortis, said the deal was final.

"Our sale is definitive to Fortis AG," an SGB spokesman, Guy Dellicour said. "The ABN-AMRO bid will certainly not be looked at.'

But Jan Kalff, the chairman of ABN-AMRO, said his bank had been in talks with Generale de Banque for several months, and he predicted that the bid

would succeed. Mr. Kalff said that a "firm footing" had been reached in recent months. "We trust that the same enthusiasm that existed then still exists today," he said.

If ABN-AMRO succeeds, it would become Europe's third-largest bank in a

departure from the step-by-step growth strategy of the Netherlands biggest bank. "It's not a traditional ABN-AMRO move, more a giant leap," said Peter van Doesburg, an analyst ar Effecten-bank Stroeve. "It's a last-ditch effort to get into a bank of a reasonable size, not too big and not too small. In Germany, France, Belgium, there are not that many opportunities to take over a good functioning bank, which Generale de

Banque is, of course." If successful with its bid, ABN-AMRO would trail only the combined Union Bank of Switzerland-Swiss Bank Corp. after their merger and Deutsche Bank AG of Germany among the largest European banks ranked by total assets at the end of

The combination of ABN-AMRO and Generale de Banque would have total assets of about \$582 billion, surpassing the \$382 billion in total assets that a Fortis-Generale de Banque combination would have. The new UBS AG will have total assets of about \$690 billion and Deutsche Bank has total assets of about \$588 billion.

A Generale de Banque spokeswoman, Kathleen Steel, said the bank had no immediate comment on the offer by ABN-AMRO. Generale de Banque's board was expected to discuss both bids on Wednesday. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Merger Scoops: A Cornered Market?

By Howard Kurtz Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - It happened like clockwork: On the morning of May 6, The Wall Street Journal disclosed that Chrysler Corp. and Daimler-Benz AG were "engaged in top-secret discussions about a mer-ger." A day later, the companies an-nounced the \$38 billion Daimler takeover of Chrysler.

Steven Lipin, the maestro of mergers and acquisitions, had scored again. The Journal reporter and his paper have gotten a 24-hour jump on one blockbuster corporate combination after another.

How does he do it? "People think I sit around waiting for the phone to ring and get these stories in my lap," said Mr. Lipin, 35. "It's not as easy as some of those on the outside might think." "It's really a seven-day-a-week

job, "he said.

With periodic help from colleagues.

Mr. Lipin has scooped the world on Mr. Lipin has scooped the world on But the Lipin method raises inmerger bids involving WorldCom Inc. and MCI Communications Corp.; Chemical Bank and Chase Manhattan size and strength of the companies and Corp.; Westinghouse Electric Corp. and Infinity Broadcasting Corp.; Gillette Co. and Duracell International Inc.; Kimberly-Clark Inc. and Scott Paper Ltd.; Boeing Co. and most of Rockwell Corp.'s defense holdings; Lockheed Martin Corp. and most of Loral Corp.; Bass Inc. and Inter-Continental Hotels; and HealthSouth Corp.

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ing companies want a publicity boost.

"Exclusive stories often get better play," he said. "If you think on a Monday your deal might get buried in an avalanche of other deals, one alternative is to give it to us on Sun-

day."

"He's the greatest M&A reporter we've ever had," said Dan Hertzberg, deputy managing editor and one of Mr. Lipin's predecessors on the bear, referring to mergers and acquisitions. "He works very hard, is incredibly sourced and is incredibly conservative. This sort of stuff you cannot afford to

be wrong on."
Mr. Hertzberg recalled Mr. Lipin working on the Chemical-Chase merger for three weeks until he was con-fident enough to publish it. The hardest thing, said Mr. Hertzberg, is to avoid being suckered: "Everyone's talking

triguing questions. Each story touts the the potential of the partnership — but rarely includes skeptical questions about potential drawbacks or problems. In fact, most of the pieces quote no one — not company officials, in-dustry observers or outside experts.

On Daimler-Chrysler, he wrote:
"The implications of such a deal would be staggering," "The transac-

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and Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp.

Just like politicians who leak their plans, Mr. Lipin concedes, some courtant an estimated \$130 billion in revenue." On Gillette: "Duracell is rolling out new products that could be exploited by the marketing whizzes at Gil-

> "When you're doing a merger, what you want is pure positive spin." said Jim Cramer, an investment banker and co-founder of the on-line magazine

The Street.com. "The way you can be assured of positive spin is you give it to one guy as part of a quid pro quo. He leads with the story and doesn't have enough time to do 'on the one hand, on the other hand.' It's the one time you can get your press

release in the paper."

Mr. Lipin dismissed the notion that he makes any "deals" about coverage; he just does not want his leaked stories

leaked elsewhere.
"If I have something I consider exclusive, the last thing I want to do is call an outside expert." Mr. Lipin said. "We're very concerned about the pos-sibility of leaks."

Stephen Shepard, editor of Business Week, said the leaks generally came from investment bankers. He noted that the deal combining Citicorp and Travelers did not use outside bankers and did not leak in advance.

"Oftentimes, leaks are done to ensure that the deal happens," Mr. Shepard said. "If they're very close to a deal, they may leak it to put pressure on people to get it done."

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Very briefly:

• Tyco International Ltd. agreed to acquire U.S. Surgical Corp. for \$3.3 billion.

• Time Warner Inc., Liberty Media Corp. and NBC agreed to a deal that will leave Liberty and Time Warner each owning half of the Court TV channel, buying out NBC's one-third stake. Financial terms were not disclosed.

• Canada Life Assurance confirmed that it was buying Crown Life Insurance's operations in Canada and key assets abroad. Terms were not disclosed, but Canada Life said the purchase would increase its assets by more than 5 billion Canadian dollars (\$3.44 billion), to 48 billion dollars.

• Homestake Mining Co. said it had offered to acquire the 49.4 percent stake of Prime Resources Group Inc. it did not already own in a transaction valued at \$306 million.

 Mobil Corp. is said to have agreed in principle to resolve civil allegations that it systematically shortchanged the U.S. government on royalties, paying the government \$45 million. • Roslyn Bancorp, a suburban New York savings-and-loan association, said it had agreed to buy a local rival, T R

Financial Corp., for \$1.1 billion in stock, more than doubling Bloomberg, Reuters, AFP its business on Long Island.

Weekend Box Office

for Friday through Monday.

LOS ANGELES — "Godzilla" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$55.5 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on estimates

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Hearst-Argyle Agrees to Buy Pulitzer's TV Assets

ST. LOUIS - Hearst-Argyle Television Inc. agreed Tuesday to acquire Pulitzer Publishing Co.'s 14 television and radio stations for about \$1.85 billion in stock and assumed debt, in a transaction involving two of the bestknown names in American journalism.

Pulitzer, based in St. Louis, also said it planned to spin off its main newspaper business to shareholders to create a company known as Pulitzer Inc. That company will have no debt and \$450 million in cash and will consider acquiring other newspapers, Pulitzer said.

Hearst-Argyle will assume \$700 million in debt from Pulitzer's broadcast division and gain \$41 million in working capital at the

NEW YORK - Stock prices fell

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 150.71 points lower at 8,963.73, and the Standard & Poor's

500 index fell 16.45 to 1,094.02.

Declining issues outnumbered gain-

ers by a 3-to-1 ratio on the New

With earnings growth leveling off,

'there's no compelling reason to buy

stocks," said Lan Janecek, chief investment officer for U.S. equities at the

Florida State Board of Administration.

equities rather than add to them.'

'Funds are looking to cut back on

Investors worry that the slide in

York Stock Exchange.

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closing, expected before the end of the year. Pulitzer's nine television stations will give Hearst-Argyle a total of 24, making it the second-largest group of stations in the United States not owned by a television network.

Hearst Corp. is the majority owner of publicly traded Hearst-Argyle, which was created by the combination last year of Hearst's and Argyle Television Inc.'s television stations. Pulitzer, founded in 1878, owns the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the Arizona Daily Star in

in the Western and Midwestern states. The company said it would pursue acqui-sitions and other "growth opportunities" in the newspaper industry, which has benefited from

the yen may prolong Asia's turmoil day for the Memorial Day holiday. and hold back U.S corporate earn-

Tucson as well as 13 smaller dailies, primarily

higher advertising revenue and stable newsprint prices in recent years.

Pulitzer's stock fell \$2.75 to close at \$87.25.

Hearst-Argyle rose 68.75 cents a share to end at

\$34.9375. Michael Pulitzer will be chairman and chief executive of Pulitzer Inc. and join the board of Hearst-Argyle. The transaction, which has the support of 65 percent of the shares outstanding of Pulitzer, is expected to be completed by the end of the year. The spin-off, which will be on a share-for-share basis, must be approved by the Internal Revenue Service. The value of U.S. broadcast stations has soared in the past year because of strong advertising and looser federal restrictions on ownership. (Bloomberg, AP)

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Symantec fell 3 13/16 to 24¹/₄

after Dr. Solomon's Group, a rival

provide anti-virus software to

Diebold fell 81/4 to 301/4 after the

maker of automated teller machines

said its second-quarter profit would

be below year-earlier levels and analysts' forecasts. Diebold said its

results were being hurt by bank mer-

ger trends and year 2000 problems.

Among the gainers, Ford rose 1 to 52 after Mazda said it expected to

post a profit this year for the first

time in six years because of strong

exports. Ford owns 33.4 percent of

the Japanese automaker and has

(Bloomberg, Reuters, AP)

taken control of management.

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flight-to-quality trade," said Brian software company, said it would

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NEW YORK - The dollar con-1 tinued to rise against the yen Tres-day, bolstered by speculation that U.S. and Japanese officials would be willing to see the yen weaken to the revive Japan's slumping economy. The dollar got an additional lift from talk the Bank of Japan may cut lending rates. "Economic strength in the U.S.

and weakness in Japan may be

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enough to take you to 140 yen this week," said Richard Koss, currency strategist at MFR Inc. The dollar rose to 137.865 yen in 4.1 P.M. trading Tuesday from 135.725; yen on Friday. Markets in New York 17% after a report questioning the

but the yen fell sharply in Asia. The dollar lost some of its gains. after Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said he shared Japan's concernabout the weakness of the yen and that he was surprised by a report that quoted unnamed sources as saying he would not object to the yen falling as low as 150 to the dollar.

and London were closed Monday

The dollar rose against the Deutsche mark after reports showed that German inflation remained subdued, reinforcing expectations that the Bundesbank will not raise rates in Co the immediate future. The dollar rose"

Against other major currencies, in the dollar rose to 5.9380 French To francs from 5.8975 francs and to 1. 1.4698 Swiss francs from 1.4644 francs. The pound rose to \$1.6363 are from \$1.6305.

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browser with its Windows operating system or include Navigator.

Netscape and the Justice Department say the suit looks at Netscape's plight only as a case study of broader practices by Microsoft. Still, the perception is spreading that Netscape needs the government.

There is an increasing perception in Silicon Valley that Netscape is the computer equivalent of a welfare mother, totally dependent on government intervention," said Roger McNamee, general partner of Integral Capital Partners, an investment group. That could make the company complacent when, he said, its destiny ative as positive.'

is actually in its own hands.

An even more unfavorable perception, raised in numerous industry publications, is that Netscape might not be able to survive on its own. Calling attention to a government lawsuit that quotes a Microsoft executive vowing to "cut off the air maintain its market share, Netscape supply" to Netscape could scare off big corporate customers, which are generally reluctant to depend on software from a company they fear will

ings longer than expected, said

Henry Herrmann, chief investment

Two economic reports showed a

cooling in the economy. The Con-

ference Board said its index of con-

sumer confidence fell to 135.2 in

U.S. STOCKS

May from a revised 137.2 in April,

and the National Association of Re-

altors reported that home resales

record rate reached in March.

slipped 2.5 percent in April from the

The indications of a slowing econ-

omy, and resulting low inflation,

pleased the bond market, where the

price of the benchmark 30-year issue

rose 28/32 point, to 104, reducing the

yield to 5.84 percent from 5.90 percent

on Friday. Markets were closed Mon-

officer at Waddell & Reed.

not be around for the long haul. The Justice Department lawsuit is good for us from a factual standpoint," said Marc Andreessen, a cofounder of Netscape. "From a per-ception standpoint, it's as much negsympathizers say, the federal suit's manage their Web sites and internal focus on the browser business comes operations. The other business, with too late. It is like the police respond- revenue of about \$25 million a ing to a report of a robbery in progress two years late, after the property is long gone. That is because to began giving its browser away in January, killing what had been a

The weak Asian economies and

financial markets also gave bonds a

lift by drawing international investors

to the relative safety of U.S. assets.
"A lot of things are pointing to a

Reid, head government bond trader

Technology shares were particu-

larly weak, as many of those compa-

nies have heavy exposure in Asia.

The Nasdaq composite index closed

Dell Computer was the most ac-

tively traded U.S. issue, declining 1

11/16 to 83 15/16. The stock has

been battered since the company said

last week that it had been forced to

and Compaq Computer slipped 1/16

Microsoft lost 1 15/16 to 831/3,

Tel-Save Holdings fell 13/16 to

cut prices on some of its products.

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down 26.91 points at 1,778.09.

"I don't have any browser busi-'said Mr. Barksdale, who tends to talk about the company in the first person. "It was half my revenues a year ago; it's none now.

\$180 million business in 1996.

The company now has two businesses. One, with revenue of about \$100 million a quarter, is selling Barney Inc.

To some extent, the company's software that allows corporations to quarter, is to sell advertising and services on its Web site.

Still, some of this playing down of the Justice Department suit is a bit disingenuous. Netscape did its share of complaining against Microsoft and hired its share of high-powered lobbyists and lawyers. While it might not get revenue directly from its browser, the product is still key to its business. "Browser share is a very significant strategic issue, not necessarily a monetary issue," said Marc Usem of Salomon Smith

Software Firms Merge in U.S.

SUNNYVALE, California Hyperion Software Corp. and Arbor Software Corp. said Tuesday that they had agreed to merge in a transaction valued at \$798.4 million in stock, creating one of the largest U.S. makers of financial software for

Arbor will issue 0.95 share for each share of Hyperion, or \$40.02 a share. Together they hope to win a bigger share of a market expected to triple to \$2.6 billion in sales by 2001.

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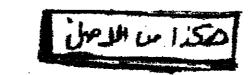
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company, said Tuesday it would spin off its unprofitable cable-television activities and would seek partners to break up the operations into at least six regional companies.

The announcement, which had been expected for some time, was seen as a move by Telekom to head off regulatory action by the Euro-Commission, which has pressed for barring dominant phone carriers from operating cable-TV networks.

"The spin-off is a decision that looks toward the future, that will provide our customers a new atractive offering," said Gerd Ten-zer, Telekom board member in charge of cable TV.

Deutsche Telekom's cable activities posted losses of 1.3 billion Deutsche marks (\$736 million) in 1997, and Telekom said this month

Of Its New System

LONDON - The London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange said Tuesday it would speed the introduction of its liver programming using Telekom's new electronic trading system by six network. They send their own bills to months to avoid losing business to customers and pass along Telekom's rival European derivative ex-monthly fee for the connection.

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BONN — Dentsche Telekom billion DM this year to cover costs it would set aside as much as 4.5 AG, Germany's dominant phone after regulators rejected its attempt to raise cable fees.

Under pressure to make cable TV profitable, the management board approved a plan Monday to put the cable assets into a fully owned subsidiary on Jan. 1 and begin talks with potential investors about creating regional cable companies.

By 2000, at least six regional cable companies would be set up. The regional operators would in turn jointly own a service unit that would market programming to the customer.

A Telekom spokesman said the company "could give up the ma-jority in the regional companies" to other investors.

Telekom said it would place no restrictions on how other operators developed the network in the future, a position that could open the door for operators to offer phone services and internet access over the cable

Liffe Moves Up Start on track to making profits in cable TV - one of the main loss-making units," said Michael Schatzschneider, an analyst at BHF-Bank AG.

Telekom offers direct cable-TV services to about 6 million households, or more than one-third of the 17 million that get cable in Germany. Other cable-TV service providers de-

Telekom is talking with potential The exchange, known as Liffe, partners such as national cable net-said it would introduce its Auto- work operators, multimedia compavestors would be allowed to hold majority stakes in the state and regional companies, which would be for trading equity options and will free to pursue their own expansion allow trading of all of Liffe's futures and operating strategies.

Chirac Dreads U.S. Export Push

ANGERS, France - President Jacques Chirac said Tuesday that he feared U.S.-Euro-

pean Union trade tensions could intensify as Washington sought to increase exports to Europe to offset a drop in trade with Asia. "In the 18 months ahead, the already considerable U.S. def-

icit with Asia will grow more," Mr. Chirac said. "They are going to turn to Europe." We have started to see it," he said during a trip to the Loire

Valley. "We can easily tell that

they are pushing a lot in that direction to recover what they may lose in Asia.". U.S. officials have acknowledged that exports to Asia, already hit by the region's eco-

nomic crisis, are likely to decline

BRUSSELS - Bertelsmann AG

and Kirch Group hope their planned

digital-TV venture will be saved by

a majority of European commis-

sioners voting against Competition

Commissioner Karel Van Miert's

plans to block the alliance, a Ber-

telsmann spokesman said Tuesday.

ditional concessions and are pinning

their hopes on reports that several

The companies will not offer ad-

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further in the months ahead. The U.S. trade deficit rose 7 percent in March, to \$13 bil-

South Africa Raises Its Short-Term Rates

JOHANNESBURG - The Reserve Bank raised short-term interest rates sharply Tuesday and warned it may lift them further to tral bank said. combat a speculative attack on its currency and debt markets.

The move helped stabilize the rand, which lost 1.8 percent of its value last week, and pulled bond yields back from four-month highs. but stocks fell on the prospect of

higher borrowing costs. South Africa's financial markets have been buffeted by speculation that began late Friday when rumors surfaced in London and New York that the Reserve Bank planned to devaiue the rand - a rumor the bank flady denied.

The currency has been targeted by speculators as economic problems in Asia have hurt investor confidence in some other emerging markets.
"Current unstable conditions in

Van Miert said the commission

would take a position Wednesday,

although it could allow discussions to

Mr. Van Miert told a European

Parliament committee Tuesday that

Bertelsmann and Kirch had failed to

provide enough assurances that the

venture would not bar rivals from

An advisory committee of anti-

trust officials from the 15 European

the German market for digital TV.

continue until next Wednesday.

the foreign-exchange, money and capital markets prescribe certain temporary changes to the monetary transmission mechanism," the cen-

"The bank will not hesitate to increase short-term interest rates sharply should speculative forces

persist," it said. The central bank said it would fix the daily money-market securitiesrepurchase rate at 18 percent, compared with Monday's level of

16.094 percent. It also said it would raise the punitive marginal lending facility rate by nearly 10 percentage points. to 28 percent, to try to protect the country from unstable market con-

Analysts applauded the move. 'It is a good way of managing a crisis situation," said Mike Lamont, director of the fixed-interest section at Standard Bank. "There is

nervousness about the fact the currency is weak." Colen Garrow, an economist with ABN-AMRO, said he did not think the central bank "had any other choice." He added that the bank had

to make the rate move "punitive" and had done so. South African stocks fell, with the Johannesburg All Share Index closing down 1.5 percent, or 116.32 points, at 7,842.10. But

bond yields eased as prices rose despite the rate rise, an apparent sign of market approval of the measures. The yield on the most actively traded government bond. due in 2005, rose to 13.61 percent from 13.46 percent.

The rand also firmed to 5.1205 to the dollar from a record low of 5.16 to the dollar Monday. The rise in the so-called repo rate Tuesday marked the first time the central bank had fixed the daily repo rate since it introduced a repurchase system (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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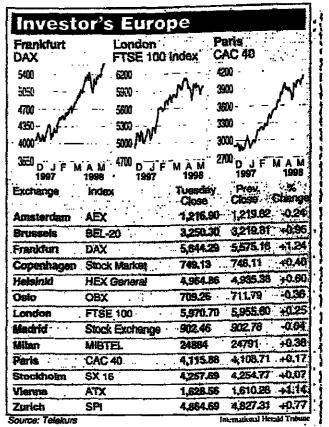
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Very briefly:

• French consumer spending rose 0.6 percent in April, its # largest increase in three months, as an expanding economy prompted more purchases of furniture and appliances. Spending rose 0.4 percent in March.

 Wim Duisenberg was formally appointed president of the European Central Bank and will take office Monday along with five other board members: Christian Noyer of France. who will be vice president; Eugenio Domingo Solans of Spain; Sirkka Haemaelaeinen of Finland; Otmar Issing of Germany, and Tommaso Padoa-Schioppa of Italy.

• The European competition commissioner. Karel Van Miert, is cooperating with U.S. authorities to try to make Europe's conditions on WorldCom Inc.'s planned takeover of MCI Communications Corp. compatible with U.S. terms.

• United Biscuits Holdings PLC will buy Campbell Soup Co.'s Delacre European cookie unit for \$125 million.

• Decaux SA raised its bid for More Group PLC to £522 million (\$854 million), or £12.20 a share, topping an offer of £11.10 a share for the British outdoor advertising company made last week by Clear Channel Communications Inc. of the United States.

for Bertelsmann's TV arm, CLT-In Bonn, Mr. Santer said it was (Bloomberg, Reuters) Miert's decision. Mr. Santer and Mr. coder boxes.

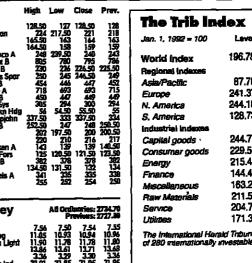
members of the European Commis-Union countries approved Mr. Van sion - particularly Jacques Santer, Miert's objections to the venture its president — favor the venture, Monday by 14 votes to 1, with Luxsaid Matthias Wulff, a spokesman embourg dissenting, Mr. Van Miert said. He said the venture was unacceptable in its current form because it would be able to bar rivals "far too early to say" whether he from Germany's digital-TV market would vote for or against Mr. Van .by controlling access to set-top de-

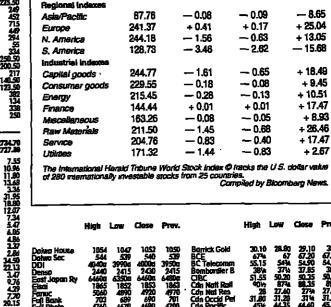
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Ginandjar Kartasasmita, left, with Boediono, the state planning named B.J. Habibie to replace him. minister, before the first meeting of the new cabinet in Jakarta. Although Mr. Ginandjar was re-

Jakarta's Feisty Economic 'Czar'

Ginandjar, a Suharto Veteran, Capitalizes on Critical Role

asmita, the economic "czar" of Indonesia, laid 23 years of govern- air force officer. ment service on the line when he strode into President Suharto's of- tions are crucial to restoring interfice early last week and told the 76- national and domestic confidence in year-old leader to step down.

of such calls. But Mr. Suharto, who had run the world's fourth most pop
Mr. Habibie said through

maximum impact in fixing the econ- cision easier. omy if political turmoil" continued. Mr. Ginandjar and nine other ministers tendered their resignations.

The gamble paid off. The next morning, Mr. Suharto resigned and Indonesia has changed since the de-

Mr. Ginandjar says early electhe country, dashing his new boss's Granted, he was joining a chorus hopes of staying on the job until the economist.

ulous country like a fieldom for 32 spokesman Monday that he would years, was not used to underlings move "quickly" to call for new telling him what to do.

"We became convinced that andjar's call for elections — and the elections. Analysts said Mr. Ginnothing could be done until Suharto implicit threat that he would be willandjar said. "We could not have a heeded - made Mr. Habibie's de-

That Mr. Ginandjar could speak his mind with Mr. Suharto and that he is able to do it again with Mr. Habibie is a measure of how much valuation of the rupiah in August. It is also a reflection of the credibility

tained by Mr. Habibie as coordi- Mr. Ginandjar has garnered in eco-JAKARTA - Ginandjar Kartas- nating minister for the economy, the nomic circles. For a government battle is not over yet for the former whose economic policies have lost international trust, he suddenly appears indispensable.

"We need Ginandjar to be there now," said Mohammad Sadli, a former government minister and

As the point man in negotiations with the International Monetary Fund on the latest terms attached to Indonesia's \$43 billion bailout, Mr. Ginandjar cultivated an easy-access manner that endeared him to foreign investors. With his wire-rimmed agreed to step down," Mr. Gin- ing to resign again if it was not glasses and a penchant for natty, well-tailored suits, he could be mistaken for one of them.

The negotiations, and his ability to be part of the government while distancing himself from its more unsavory elements, has also raised his profile at home. The soft-spoken 58-year-old says he is interested only in economic recovery and that politics is not his game. Those who know him well, though, say he would not mind a shot at Mr. Habibie's seat himself.

Whatever his ambitions, Mr. Ginandjar has his job cut out for him. Some fear there is little that can be done to change the grim facts of Indonesia's economy: Gross domestic product is expected to contract by at least 10 percent this year as inflation exceeds 50 percent and unemployment explodes. The \$78.2 billion in foreign debt held by cor-porate Indonesia has left most large companies insolvent.

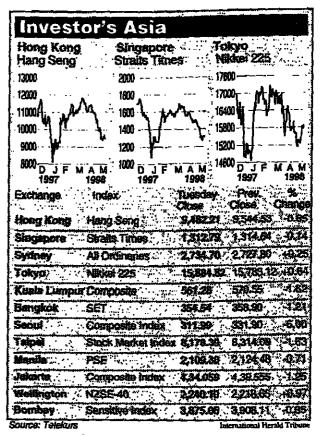
All that was known before rioting and looting swept Jakarta two weeks ago — the capital's worst violence in 30 years.

Mr. Ginandjar will now have to lure investors back to the wreckage of what not long ago was one of Southeast Asia's hottest economies, and he will share the blame if growth continues to languish.

So far, key officials at the IMF and the major donor governments of Japan and the United States say they back him.

The IMF has suspended disbursements from the aid package because of the political turnoil. A third round of talks on efforts to reschedule corporate Indonesia's foreign debt, which was scheduled to have begun Tuesday in Frankfurt, was pushed back to the first week of June. Mr. Ginandjar has taken a

Mr. Ginandjar says the country will need even more international aid to prevent a major widening of the government's budget deficit. He will be the man seeking that money



Very briefly:

 Japan's securities watchdog recommended that the Ministry of Finance penalize the Tokyo offices of HSBC Securities Japan Ltd. and ING Baring Securities (Japan) Ltd. for questionable trades of Japanese stocks in 1997. It did not specify what kind of penalties might be imposed on the two brokerages.

• Japan's 16.65 trillion yen (\$121.79 billion) stimulus package may help it stave off recession, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said. The plan may "stabilize activity" in calendar 1998 and lead to real economic growth of 1.5 percent to 2 percent in the year that began April 1. Before the plan was announced, the OECD predicted that the economy would shrink 0.3 percent in 1998.

• Siemens AG of Germany set up a telecommunications joint venture in China with two state-owned Chinese companies in Chengdu to develop telecommunication networks with fiberoptic and radio technology. The two Chinese partners are Chengdu Posts & Telecommunications Equipment Factory and Chengdu Telecommunications Cable Co.

• The Karachi Stock Exchange halted trading when hundreds of protesters ransacked the main trading hall and computer department to protest a decision to gradually replace the open outcry system with computerized trading.

• Taiwan's Transport Ministry selected a Taiwan-Japan consortium to build a mass rapid transit railway that is valued at 50 billion Taiwan dollars (\$1.49 billion) and that will link Taipei to its international airport. The consortium is led by China Development Corp., Taiwan's leading venture capital company. Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Co. of Japan will be the main foreign partner.

• Malaysia's lack of corporate transparency and the government's denial of many of its problems have fund managers shying away, according to the management consultancy Booz, Allen & Hamilton Inc.

 Hitachi Ltd., said it had developed a technology for drastically increasing the storage capacity of memory-chip cards using chips four times more dense than conventional chips.

 Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd. launched a sim-plified mobile telephone service for first-time mobile service Bloomberg, Reuters, AFF

Peregrine's Debts to Be Revealed

HONG KONG — Five months the value of something else, often after Asia's largest independent infinancial instruments — were povestment bank collapsed, Peregrine tential minefields after Asian cur-Investments Holdings Ltd.'s many rencies tumbled against the U.S. dolcreditors will get their first glimpse lar. In South Korea, J.P. Morgan & of just how much they are owed.

Peregrine went bankrupt in January under the weight of more than parties.

Now, in a series of creditors' meetings in Hong Kong on June 10, 11 and 12, Price Waterhouse will for the first time release its calculations of how much those counterparties are owed on swap contracts that were never paid. "This has never been done before," said Simon Copley, the Price Waterhouse part-

ner in charge of liquidating Peregrine's derivatives business. There's nobody you can go to and ask, 'How have you done this?' "

Co. says it is owed \$500 million on

such contracts. Putting a number on Peregrine's \$350 million in loans to insolvent derivatives losses will not be easy, Asian companies. It also owed hun- Mr. Copley said. Asked about redreds of millions of dollars more on ports that put Peregrine's Indonesome 2,000 derivatives contracts in- sian derivatives exposure at \$9 bilvolving as many as 300 counter- lion, he laughed. "It doesn't even

pass the giggle test," he said. One creditor, Commerzbank AG of Germany, has filed suit to recover \$40 million it says Peregrine owes it for a currency swap conducted days before the liquidation.

Other creditors, frustrated by the slow pace of the liquidation proceedings, may also sue, analysts said. Price Waterhouse has already

settled about \$260 million of derivatives transactions that either came due or were presented for settlement early, Mr. Copley said.

Bankers said markets in Asia for "I'm only settling ones where meeting will be to apprent derivative investments — or invest- they net owe us money," he said. the formal liquidator.

ments whose value is derived from Mr. Copley has settled trades with as many as 15 counterparties, none of which were from Indonesia.

> Making the liquidation process difficult is the lack of a clear precedent. Three years ago, when Bar-ings PLC went bankrupt because of derivatives losses, the Bank of England guaranteed its derivatives losses until the bank was sold to ING Groep NV. In that case, creditors only had a nervous couple of weeks before their derivatives contracts were settled by

ING Barings, Mr. Copley said.
"It isn't going to get any better for them with Peregrine," he said. Price Waterhouse will meet with creditors of Peregrine Derivatives Ltd. on June 10, those of Peregrine Fixed Income Ltd. on June 11 and creditors of Peregrine Investments Holdings Ltd. on June 12. All the

meetings will be in Hong Kong. Price Waterhouse cannot sell any of Peregrine's debt or assets yet because it is still only the provisional liquidator, Mr. Copley said. The first item on the agenda of the creditors' meeting will be to appoint the firm as

Profit Squeeze At Taiwan Semi

Bloomberg News

TAIPEI — Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., the cornerstone of Taiwan's hightechnology industry, expects its profit margins to be squeezed this year as worldwide demand for personal computers declines, executives said Tuesday.

The computer-chip maker, which accounts for more than 5 percent of the benchmark Taiwan Stock Exchange Index and is the island's largest company by marker value, expects its gross margins to fall to a record low of 25 percent this year from 40 percent in 1997, said Huang Yen-chun, a vice president.

The forecast sent Taiwan Semiconductor's stock turnbling 4 percent, to 132 Taiwan dollars (\$3.93), and raised concerns about Taiwan's entire technology industry. The benchmark stock index

closed down 1.6 percent. The

electronics subindex tumbled

4.9 percent and accounted for most of the main index's fall. STRIKE: Stocks Fall as Korean Labor Group Promises Large-Scale Stoppage leading role in those talks.

Thailand Outlines Eased Fiscal Policy

BANGKOK — The government said Tuesday it would cautiously relax its austere fiscal policy to help the slumping economy and laid out a series of economic targets as part of a new letter of intent to be presented to the International Monetary Fund.

Analysts said the new targets were realistic but

voiced concern that the key question of Thai-land's tight monetary policy had not been adequately addressed. Finance Minister Tarrin Nimmanahaeminda

said at a news conference that extra public spending was essential because Thailand's recession was more severe than expected.

An easing of fiscal policy was now possible, he said, because of improvements in the country's said.

foreign reserves and current account and a more stable baht. He spoke after winning cabinet ap-proval for a fourth letter of intent, which must be approved by the IMF, from which the government hopes to get a further \$800 million in loans.
The loans would come from a \$17.2 billion

IMF-sponsored bailout received by Thailand last August. More than \$10 billion has already been

Mr. Tarrin said the government planned about 50 billion baht (\$1.28 billion) in additional spending in 1998 and 1999 to stimulate the economy and raise public consumption. 'Half of the extra expenditure would be ear-

marked for cushioning the adverse social impact arising from current economic problems.

the imminent danger of strikes, banks and chaebol, the economic months, investors worried about the reached a final decision on layoffs long-term value of bonds totaling 40 even though as many as 8,000 were which many viewed as a secondary tailspin also reflects Japanese troutrillion won (\$28.94 billion) that the no longer needed.

Continued from Page 1 Iron & Steel Co., a government-

invested company in which foreign investment cannot exceed 30 per-

Analysts saw the reasons for the

would be a panacea," said Richard Samuelson, an analyst with SBC Warburg. "The market is the most severe disciplinarian, and the market is telling them that they are not behaving responsibly."

One major problem, in the view of some analysis, was the govern- anese exports. Korean motor ment's policy of issuing loans to companies on the brink of bank-

Mr. Samuelson said the govern-

emergency loans, extending several rochemicals, steel, ships, semicon- der certain circumstances during the hundred million dollars in the past few weeks to save the Dong Ah Group, a chaebol, or conglomerate, that has grown mainly on construction contracts.

Though blamed largely on the financial crisis as going far beyond lack of discipline of the Korean bles. Partly due to Japan's influence "They opened up rather hurriedly as South Korea's largest foreign into foreign investment, thinking that vestor and trading partner, the won was expected to decline along with the yen against the dollar.

With the weak yen driving down the prices of Japanese goods on down," said Frank Shin, a spokes-world markets, the fear here was that man for Hyundai Motor. "We don't to compete effectively against Japvehicle manufacturers, struggling to go ahead with the strike despite a expected to join the strike. come up with the funds needed to new labor law supported by the govimport materials and components, stand to suffer the most against their

ductors and other electronic current economic crisis. The conproducts would also be hard hit. Adding to concern about the market is the expectation that the won fare as well as force the chaebol to also will lose value.

With the won expected to keep high-flying operations. down over the next few government is issuing this year to

help cover domestic debts approaching 800 trillion won and foreign debts of \$150 billion.

The Korean economy is going

Korean products would not be able know when it will hit bottom. Still, the strike is illegal." The labor confederation vowed to

emment, big business and union representatives, who reluctantly acment this year issued \$2 billion in much larger Japanese rivals, but pet- knowledged the need for layoffs un- ten violent, for the past decade.

less of a priority for Pepsi, marketing and sales objec-

Mr. Shin said Hyundai had not Mr. Shin said the company had asked authorities to stop any protest, and reinforced police units were

federation is also demanding that the government bolster social wel-

share the pain by trimming back

posted outside the main Hyundai Motor plant in the city of Ulsan. Workers at two nearby Hyundai companies, Hyundai Precision. which manufactures cargo containers, vans and utility vehicles, and

Hyundai Motor Service, were also

Ulsan, where nine Hyundai companies have factories, has been the scene of intermittent strikes, of-

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ANNUAL GENERAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING

The L'OREAL Annual General Shareholders meeting was held on Tuesday May 26, 1998 under the chairmanship of Mr. Lindsay OWEN-JONES, Chairman and CEO.

The Shareholders meeting approved the corporate accounts and reviewed consolidated accounts for 1997. Consolidated sales totalled 69.12 billion Francs. Net operating profits for the group share reached 4.2 billion Francs with a net profit per share and investment certificate of 62.21 Francs, up by

The meeting approved the payment of a net dividend of 16 Francs per share and investment certificate, up by 14.3% against 1996.

The meeting also renewed the appointments of Messrs Lindsay OWEN-JONES, Pascal CASTRES SAINT MARTIN, Marc LADREIT de LACHARRIERE and Olivier LECERF, for a duration of four years expiring at the Annual General Shareholders meeting called to approve accounts for year 2001. A new Director, Mr. Francisco CASTANER was appointed for a four year period to replace Mr. Jose DANIEL

The Shareholders meeting also renewed the mandate of Mr. Pierre FEUILLET as statutory auditor, for six years. Mr. Pierre COLL was appointed as his new substitute statutory auditor. The appointments of a new statutory auditor Mr. Patrice de MAISTRE and of his substitute Mr. Etienne JACQUEMIN were approved for a six year period.

The Annual General Shareholders meeting also renewed the authorization granted to L'ORÉAL to purchase its own shares up to a limit of 1% of its

Following the Shareholders meeting, the Board of Directors reappointed Mr. Lindsay QWEN-JONES as Chairman and CEO, and Mr. Pascal CASTRES SAINT MARTIN as Group executive Vice President. It also set the date of payment of dividend for Friday, June 12, 1998 at all French financial intermediaries.

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COKE: Soft-Drink Giant Aims to Spread Enterprise (and Raise Sales) in Africa

Continued from Page 15 you Coca-Cola does a great South Africa, even during the ed interviewing him about South Africa.

glass bottles), is relatively cheap in Africa compared with its prices in the United States and Europe, Africans drink far more water, fruit juice and oth- badly needs. A hawker who

large populations," said Andrew Conway, a beverage analyst with Morgan Stanley. But not everyone agrees that getting the world's . poorest, most undernourished continent to double its consumption of a sugar-filled, nutritionally empty beverage

The direct adverse pubwork in Africa, paying for mobile clinics and college is a good thing. teeth," said David Sanders, a scholarships to the tune of professor of public health at about \$7 million a year, Mr. University of the Western Mngadi said, although Mr. Cape. "As for indirect effects Sanders dismissed that — it's an inefficient use of a amount as "peanuts" relative to its sales. Still, Coke's percouraged to spend some of case profit margins are lower their meager incomes on in Africa than in many other empty calonies, they won't parts of the world. have money to spend on more nutritious foods.

tion. "Actually, our product is quite healthy," he said.
"Fluid replenishment is a key in health and when the said.

disease. Organization says that kidney former Zaire, trucks risk land disease ranks low on the long mines and ambushes by sollist of illnesses that afflict Af- diers turned bandits. ricans, Mr. Ivester said he had spent time with scientists who go, Coke has the territory specialized in the issue and pretty much to itself. said, "Some of them will tell

service because it encourages cents a bottle (in returnable people to take in more and more liquids.

promoting entrepreneurship. something the continent can raise \$7 to buy a case can er beverages.

The market is "grossly unThe market is "grossly unThe market is "grossly unThe market is "grossly underdeveloped with some very reinvest the profits in more. S'bu Mngadi, chief spokes-

man for Coca-Cola Southern Africa, pointed proudly to the Kunene brothers of Mpumalanga, South Africa, who started out as spaza shop owners selling Coke and now own a multimillion-dollar bottling business.

Coke also does charitable

One analyst, Emanuel Goldman of PaineWebber, In an interview, Mr. Ivester estimates profit in the region said he had personally re- at about 24 cents a case last searched the nutrition ques- year, up 5 percent over 1996

to health, and when you have expansion is tough. Twelve of a population that has approprizate fluid intake, what you have lought civil war, and glimpsed an impromptu stop along the people feasting and dancing find is they have a lot less last decade. Some major an impromptu stop along the people feasting and dancing road between lohanneshure priate fluid intake, what you have fought civil wars in the kidaey problems and kidney highways are pocked with road between Johannesburg potholes big enough to flip a and Soweto. Although the World Health truck. In Angola and the

But as far as competitors remy much to use it.

Coca-Cola never really left was selling ice cream. I start- years of running Coca-Cola age their cash."

years of anti-apartheid sanc- how much ice cream he sold. ons. where he got it, how much The company moved its money he was making. It was

Coca-Cola prides itself on syrup plant to Swaziland, a clear to me that an entrepretiny nation virtually inside neurial environment exists at South Africa, selling off its all levels of society, even in bottling interests, but it con-these squatter camps." tinued to advertise and sell in South Africa. Pepsi, which did bonor the

sanctions and pull out, has twice tried to get back in and stake, and scores of smaller twice failed. It is now sold in ones. only 11 African countries but holds a 50 percent market will soon assemble at least said, "we are able to price the strong presence in Ethiopia and Nigeria.

which is focusing on India, China and Russia, though it Pepsi is a unit of PepsiCo Inc. rather than a fragmented net-"We think there's a lot of opportunity <u>in</u> growth Africa," said a Pepsi-Cola International spokesman, Keith Hughes, "and we intend to

Overall, Coke has a 79 percent share of the tiny African however, is "not just about soft-drink market. "Coke's fulfilling demand but about biggest obstacle to growth in creating demand," said Carl the region," says Michael Branca, a beverage industry Africa group. analyst with Lehman Broth-

"There was a squatters'

Mozambique and the outly- simple moment of pleasure," ing territories." Mr. Ivester said Charles Frenette, rerecalled.

Coke currently has one anchor bottler, Coca-Cola Sabco, based in Port Elizabeth, in

Some analysts predict it share in Uganda and has a one more anchor bottler - an important step, because it is through these bottlers that the Most significantly, Africa is company tries to reach its

> It vastly prefers to use fewwork like the one that has slowed its strategy in India. With the new strategy has

> come mass re-education for

the bottlers. Most of them saw

continue building a solid their jobs only as selling Coke business to tap that." where people wanted it. bouler's role, The Ware, president of Coke's

For example, last year a On his 1997 trip, Mr. Angola, which is slowly recovering from decades of the region's potential during civil war, and glimpsed late at night.

"Our strategy would call with people coming from coolers, to help give people a cently named Coke's chief

Coolers are not alone on the

Angolan agenda. Last September, Coke signed an agreement with the government to build the bottling plant in Bonjesus, near Luanda.

ing negotiated in other countries. The company makes sure most of the materials used in which it holds a 21 percent the plants, from the sugar in the processing to the wood in the crates, are locally produced.
"As a result," Mr. Ivester

> product in almost local wage terms so it is affordable." To create new customers, Coke is helping to open shops from Uganda to South

Africa.

By making irresistible ofdoesn't exactly admit that, er and more efficient bottlers fers - it often pays the entire cost of a kiosk or an ice chest and sponsors business and management classes for budding micro-entrepreneurs --it is generating markets where there might have been none. "The infrastructure in terms

of people and equipment that

is already in place should en-

able them to capture per-capita growth as Africa develops," said John Sicher, editor of Beverage Digest, a trade publication, who visited several African countries last month: Moving to the academic sector, the company has set up

"Coca-Cola Forums" to train entrepreneurs, usually to work for Coke, at the University of Zimbabwe and the University of Nairobi in Kenya. "What we've seen in

camp that had arisen there, for us to get in there and place South Africa is somebody who starts by standing on a street corner, then moving up to a kiosk," Mr. Frenette said. "We train them in how to "I ran across this guy who marketing officer after two merchandise and how to man**NYSE**

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Fiji Tops Scotland

RUGBY UNION Fiji, led by Fero Lasagavibau, beat Scotland for the first time on Tuesday, demolishing the visitors, 51-26, in the teams rugby test at the National Stadium

in Suva, Fiji. Scotland's defeat cast further doubt over its ability to compete with Australia, the main focus of its eight-game tour to the Pacific re-

"Turnovers and ball retention in certain positions were very poor, said the Scottish coach, Jim Telfer. "We played very flat behind the scrum and never once tested the fullback under the high ball. We will have to think of ways of vary-

ing our game."
The Fiji coach, Brad Johnstone, said his team could play better and would need to against France,

which it plays in June. Fiji led, 13-12, at halftime but turned on its power in the second half, finishing with seven tries to

Cipollini Triumphs Again

CYCLING Mario Cipollini captured the 10th leg of the Tour of Italy on Tuesday for his fourth stage victory in six days.

The 31-year-old Tuscan edged Silvio Martinello and Endrio Leoni at the finish line in the southern town of Macerata.

It was Martinello's fourth second-place finish this year, three of which have been behind

Alex Zulle of Switzerland retained the pink jersey of the overall leader, five seconds ahead of the runner-up, Michele Bartoli of Italy. Zulle finished in the same time as the winner, following a mostly flat ride which produced the eighth crowded group sprint in ten

Čipollini, taking a quick revenge for his loss to Glenn Magnusson of Sweden in Monday's leg, completed the 212-kilometer (131mile) distance from Vasto to Macerata in five hours, 10 minutes and 43 seconds.

Sonics Fire Karl as Coach

BASKETBALL George Karl was fired Tuesday as coach of the Seattle SuperSonics, two weeks after his team was eliminated in the second round of the NBA playoffs.

The SuperSonics called an afternoon news conference to announce that Karl's contract would not be renewed, said a team source, speaking on condition of anonymity. Karl, who was paid \$3.2 million

this season, coached the Sonics for 6½ seasons and had the best winning percentage, .719, in the club's regular-season history. He got the Sonics to the playoffs in all seven of his seasons in Seattle.

It was the third time the former American Basketball Association player has been fired as a coach. He was let go by Cleveland in 1986 and by Golden State two years later. He took over in Seattle in 1992, leaving a job with a Spanish club to replace K. C. Jones.

Karl is expected to be pursued by other NBA teams.

WORLD ROUNDUP Day of Upsets at Roland Garros

2d-Seeded Korda Falls to Zabaleta, and Agassi Is Defeated by Safin

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribione

PARIS — How deep is men's tennis? Anyone who had a ticket for Court Suzanne Lenglen on Tuesday for the first round of the French Open knows the answer. Exhibit A was Marat Safin's five-set victory over Andre Agassi. Exhibit B was Mariano Zabaleta's five-set victory over the No. 2 seed, Petr Korda.

Agassi has won three Grand Slam singles titles. Korda won the Australian Open in January. Safin, an 18-year-old Russian who lives in Spain, and Zabaleta, a 20-year-old Argentine who lives in Argentina are qualifiers: players whose rankings were too poor to get them into the main draw automatically.

Now, they are in the second round, and they are hardly alone. Of the 16 men who qualified for the French Open last week, 11 won their opening matches. That is an Open era record if you exclude the boycott year of 1973 at Wimbledon, and it is merely confirmation of a larger trend. It is becoming increasingly difficult to separate the

Wednesday's Top Matches

Nicolas Kieferys. Thomas Muster The battle of the blondes, but only Muster is a real one. Kiefer is 20 with a bright future; Muster is 30 with a bright past, although he looked and sounded familiar on Monday.

Venus Williams (8) vs. Ai Sugiyama Venus at her best should keep Sugiyama from rising, but an off-day on clay means Japan's best could knock her out of orbit.

reira Who cares if it's on Court 9. Norman beat Sampras here last year, Ferreira is the only man to beat Rios on clay this year.

men from the boys, even at the Grand Slam events.

Last year at Roland Garros, Filip Dewulf of Belgium, another qualifier, reached the semifinals here, and Gustavo Kuerten, then ranked 66th, went on to win the tournament. With training techniques becoming more universal and the financial rewards increasing, the number of players capable of winning best-of-five set matches is on the rise. It's not just the technical barriers that are falling; the

psychological barriers are, too. How else to explain the sangfroid that Safin and Zabaleta displayed Tuesday? After losing the fourth set, Safin calmly

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played a brilliant game to break Agassi and kept scrambling and rifling explo-sive serves and forehands the rest of the way to win, 5-7, 7-5, 6-2, 3-6, 6-2.

Zabaleta, a former world junior champion who missed four months last season with a shoulder injury, lost the third and fourth sets but managed to regain momentum and win, 6-0, 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 6-3.

When the 213th-ranked Argentine finished off his biggest victory with a service winner, he gave Korda's hand a cursory shake, sprinted to the stands and embraced his supporters. He later pulled on an Argentinian soccer jersey and ran back on court to exult some more.

"I belong to the River Plate club in Argentina, and I'm using this shirt because it was a present from a friend of mine," he said. "I thought it was a good connection with my country."

Safin was born in his country 18 years ago, but after a Swiss bank agreed to sponsor him four years ago, he moved to Valencia, Spain, where he now has a Spanish coach and trades forehands and jibes with the locals.

His mother is a tennis coach and was a good enough player to compete in the junior version of this event. His father is the director of a tennis club in Moscow.

Agassi might not have known all this when he walked on court, but he knew Safin was a great deal more threatening than his ranking of No. 116. He had beaten Safin in straight sets in the first round of the Davis Cup in April in Stone Mountain, Georgia, but that was the same place where Safin very nearly defeated Jim Courier in the decisive rubber, losing

in five sets after leading 6-0, 4-6, 6-4.
Agassi, who arrived in Paris ranked 20th and on something of a roll, did not play poorly Tuesday, but he could have played more intelligently by finding a way to push forward and shorten points with volleys. The soreness in his right shoulder, which surfaced late in the first set, certainly didn't help, but then Ro-land Garros seldom has agreed with Agassi since he squandered two chances to win in the 1990 and 1991 finals.

At age 28, his chances of winning the only Grand Slam title he is missing are

certainly not increasing.

Monica Seles already has won here three times, but all of those victories came before she was stabbed in the back in Hamburg in 1993 by a deranged German fan. She suffered another serious blow May 14 when her father and longtime coach, Karolj, died of cancer in Florida, but Seles chose not to withdraw from Roland Garros, and in a dark tennis dress, she played some very bright tennis Tuesday in a 6-0, 6-2 victory over Annabel Ellwood of Australia that lasted less than an hour.

"It was just too tough for me to stay home," she said. "It's so much better for me to be here, take each day as it goes. At the house, there are so many memories in every corner you look in the house. So many things. So many people coming up, so many of Dad's friends. It's just really tough. Sooner or later. I'm going to have to get over that hurdle. Right now, I don't want to deal



Monica Seles hitting a two-handed return on Tuesday to Annabel Ellwood.

the next big part of my life. Hopefully, I can just really focus on it."

However Seles performs here - and she missed more than a week of training between the Italian Open and her arrival in Paris - she is clearly a sentimental favorite.

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"When I found out in Berlin that her father had passed away, I was O.K., and then 10 minutes later I just started cry-

ing," said Seles's American Fed Cup teammate, Lindsay Davenport. "It was like, 'Nice five years of her life.' She got stabbed, the worst thing that could probably happen, and then she loses her

"Yet she's probably the only person I know who could handle it the way she has, even become a better person for it

A Case of Indigestion in France Over Cup's Official Feeder

ONDON — The world of instant

communications may be as indigestible as fast foods to the

Two weeks before the kickoff of the World Cup, the host nation is blowing a large raspberry of indignation at the notion of McDonald's Corp. being portrayed as the "official restaurateur" for an event costing the French nation more than a billion dollars to stage.

Where were they when the contracts were signed six years ago, when Mc-Donald's renewed its \$20 million-per-World-Cup sponsorship rights with FIFA, world soccer's governing body, to promote itself as the exclusive food chain feeding the event?

"There is a tempest in the kitchens, rebellion in the ranks." Alain Sarraute wrote recently in Le Figaro. Indeed, the sight of Big Mac linked to France's own "Footix" mascot may well affront those to whom gastronomy is serious business, but did Monsieur Sarraute and the legislators now responding with pique to the alliance not read the menu?

It was writ large, and long ago. It is on our screens across the world where leading players - in England it is the na-

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tional captain, Alan Shearer — endorse the product by dropping into McDonald's for their fill.

Millions more see those advertisements than listen to a lady called Sue Ready, who, as England's official team nutritionist, said last weekend: "I would rather the players weren't eating burgers. I've seen Alan's car outside McDonald's more than once - but I suppose he might just be buying them

She wishes. It is a tough job, defending France's gastronomic reputation, and it takes a tough cookie to tackle the eating habits of English soccer players.

Ms. Ready prepares the "Eat to Win" diet for the England team and is aghast at the story, rooted out by the rapacious English tabloid press, concerning Paul Gascoigne tucking into a kebab.

"Kebabs are just not good for a footballer," she says. "I know it wasn't the day before a game, but it takes about six days for a kebab to get out of your system. And the older you are, the longer it takes."

Gascoigne, struggling for fitness and form, plays for England in Morocco on Wednesday, his 31st birthday, His country needs him. He is the one midWorld Soccer/Rob Hughes

field creator with the flair to change a match, the one Englishman who can reliably stroke a ball with accuracy and imagination.

Gascoigne, Ms. Ready asserts, could achieve 30 percent more performance if he cut out beer, kebabs, and the official World Cup burger.

Now you wouldn't need a lady like Sue if you were born a French superstar. Zinedine Zidane, for example, did not need the reassurance, given to the National Assembly in Paris last week by the French organizing committee for the World Cup, that the McDonald's official-restaurateur label "in no way signifies it will have a monopoly or play a predominant role" in the 330,000 official meals served by French cooks to defend the national reputation during the 33 days of the tournament.

As a player employed by Juventus, the most professional club on the planet, Zidane's blood is monitored three times a day. He just would not get away with the wrong" foods. Besides, he has a cracking local restaurant in Turin where the Juventus players regularly drop in for the

finest pasta. The Italians, like the French, know what is right for the athletic body.
The English? They are getting there. The official nutritionist, who works alongside the official faith healer and the official trainers, claims that Les

Ferdinand, a personal client of hers, improved his leaping power when he ditched pizzas for fresh salmon, though his club, Tottenham Hotspur, hasn't seen enough of this due to his seemingly interminable muscle strains.

But enough frippery. The anguish in France is fueled by the sense that Mc-Donald's is having its cake and eating it. As a take-away outfit a value-added tax of 5.5 percent is applied, whereas real restaurants pay 20.6 percent. This, say the protesters, is deception.

Some of France's sporting administrators would know about deception. For two years, the French soccer federation has been a signatory to the UEFA executive committee's decision to nominate the European federation's president, Lennart Johansson, for the FIFA presidency, the election for which precedes the Cup, on June 8 in Paris.

France has reneged on that agreement. It has switched its support to the rival candidate, Joseph Blatter, largely through self-interest. Blatter is running with Michel Platini on his ticket, and his promise that Platini would be made sports director of FIFA ensures a plat-form for the French language in 200 countries worldwide.

Moreover, two senior vice presidents - Antonio Matarrese from Italy and Senes Erzik from Turkey --- warn that there will be repercussions: the threat of European members on the FIFA executive blocking Platini's appointment of sports director, and the isolation of France within the administration.

Rob Hughes is on the staff of The.

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Four UEFA vice-presidents, support-

ing Johansson, denounce the French federation as disloyal France forgets, says UEFA, how the 1998 World Cup came to France thanks to unanimous support from European soccer associ-. ations.

The politics of soccer are just as unpalatable as some World Cup hosts in France regard the anointing of a fastfood chain in their land.

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INDIANAPOLIS — The NBA Finals will not begin Sunday. When they do begin, the Chicago Bulls may not be there to represent the Eastern Conference.

After winning the first two games of this best-of-seven series, the Bulls swaggered down here looking for a four-game sweep. But they stagger back to Chicago in a 2-2 tie with the Pacers. who are full of confidence and hope

NBA PLAYOFFS

white is the land after Reggie Miller's three-pointer with Sold of the state seven-tenths of a second to play Monday gave Indiana a dramatic and conproversial 96-94 victory in a mad, mad Market Square Arena.

Somehow, even after Miller's shot, Michael Jordan managed to get off a clean three-point attempt that would have won the game for Chicago. It have won the game for Chicago.

banked off the glass, then swirled around the rim before rolling out.

"Looked like it was in all the way."
the Pacers coach, Larry Bird, said. "I

knew he was going to get open some-

After the game, the Bulls coach, Phil Jackson, trashed the referees and suggested that Miller had thrown a punch at Ron Harper of Chicago in a tangle of bodies on the Bulls bench with play stopped and 4.7 seconds remaining.

Television replays showed that Miller. after being pulled out of bounds and into the Bulls bench by Harper — no foul was called - appeared to throw a punch at Harper's chest and neck. No technical foul was called, and Miller remained in the game to hit the winning shot.

They acted like they're afraid, the referees, on this court," Jackson said.
Miller shot back: Them, of all people, should not be talking about holding, hitting, pushing." Referring to Jordan, he snapped: "How do you think he gets so open on all of those last-second shots?"

Miller also denied throwing a punch.

series, which moves back to Chicago on Wednesday for Game 5, then back here Friday for Game 6, and perhaps back to Chicago on Sunday for Game 7. For the second straight game, the Bulls blew a second-half lead. Chicago led by as many as a dozen points and held an 85-77 advantage with seven minutes to

But turnovers and missed free throws doomed the Bulls, as was the case Saturday. Just like in Game 3, a gimpy Miller played heroically on a sprained right ankle while Jordan and Scottie Pippen made critical mistakes. For all of Chicago's complaining, the Bulls prob-ably would have won if Jordan hadn't committed six turnovers. Or if Pippen had made a pair of foul shots with 4.7 seconds left and Chicago up 94-93.

The Bulls built their 12-point lead

with great passing, hot shooting (55.7 percent for the game) and Dennis Rodman's 16 rebounds, but the Pacers stayed close.

Jordan suffered a cut over the right eye when he was pawed by Rik Smits in the first quarter. The cut had to be stitched after the game.

Medical treatment couldn't really help Miller. "I shouldn't have been out there," he said. "I couldn't cut, couldn't drive. When I was out there warming up; I thought, 'I'm kidding

The final 52 seconds were a whirl of activity - pushing, shoving and whistles blowing. Jordan, who led all scorers with 28 points, hit a jumper to put the Bulls ahead 94-91 with 52,7 seconds left. The Indiana backup point guard Travis Best hit a jumper with 33.5 seconds left to pull the Pacers within 94-93. Chicago was looking to run the clock

down and get Jordan a shot or a trip to the foul line, but Rodman was called for an offensive foul while trying to set a screen on Derrick McKey with 21.8 seconds left. That enraged Phil Jackson, who later said it was "an awful call."

"I'm not dumb enough to throw a punch in a playoff game," he said. "I was corner with 6.4 seconds left, but Bird



Reggie Miller going up for the shot that lifted the Pacers over the Bulls.

refused to use his final timeout. When Harper deflected McKey's inbounds pass on the next sequence and the ball was gathered in by Pippen, who was fouled with 4.7 seconds left. Bird looked like a genius.

Pippen missed both foul shots, and Jordan deflected the ball out of bounds with 2.9 seconds to play. The referee Ronnie Nunn called for a jump ball, but Hugh Evans overruled and awarded possession to the Pacers.

Using that final timeout. Bird was able to draw up a play. The first option, of course, was Miller. The second was to get the ball inside to Smits. "If you get him an open look," Bird said of Miller, "he's going to make it."

It was Miller's only shot of the fourth

"They had many, many opportuni-ties they didn't deserve," Jackson said. "We have to be champs and prevail, and

this is what our challenge is now.

Unstoppable Yankees

Irabu Strikes Out 6 as White Sox Fall, 12-0

Comprised by Our Staff From Dugues box

About four months remain in this season, and already white flags are being raised before the New York Yan-

Only the Washington Generals, the foil of the unbeatable Harlem Globetrotters, could truly understand what went through the minds of the Chicago White Sox on Monday night when the Yankees came to town and steamrolled them, 12-0. But it was plain to see they were totally disheartened.

The Yankees scored six runs before

BASEZALL ROUNDUP

Chicago retired two batters in the first inning, and Hideki Irabu was overpowering, allowing only six hits. He also struck out six and lowered his earned-run average to 1.13, the best in the league, for the first shutout of his

The numbers are getting out of con-trol: The Yankees are 34-10 and lead the American League East by seven games. They have won 33 of their last 39 games, for a winning percentage of .846. They have won 18 of their last 22 road games.

These Yankees have won their last three games (two against Boston, one against the White Sox) by a combined score of 38-7. The Yankees lead the league in pitching, they are hitting over .300 as a team, they are averaging a league-high 6.55 runs a game and they have allowed only two unearned runs in

Blue Jays 7, Red Sox 5 In Boston, Jose Canseco, Jose Cruz Jr. and Shawn Green homered in Pedro Martinez's worst outing of the season as streaking Toronto beat the Red Sox. Martinez (5-1) allowed seven runs and 12 hits in 7% innings,

Indians 7, Tigors 4 David Bell, facing his father Buddy's team for the first time, got a clutch hit as Cleveland beat

visiting Detroit.

Buddy Bell, who played for and coached the Indians before becoming manager of the Tigers, watched 25year-old David break a 2-2 tie with a two-run double in the sixth off Frank

Athletics 8, Devil Rays 2 In Oakland. Mike Oquist (1-3) won for the first time in nine starts this season, and Mike Macfarlane homered twice. Scott Spiezio added a solo homer for the Athletics, who have won their first three games against the expansion Devil Rays.

Royals 6, Angels 4 Tim Belcher won despite a first-inning grand slam by Gar-ret Anderson, and the visiting Royals converted two errors by Anaheim's outfield into five fifth-inning runs.

Twins 9, Rangers 3 Jon Shave had three hits, including his first major league homer, and Minnesota scored eight runs in the third inning off Darren Oliver (2-5) as the Twins beat the

Rangers in Arlington, Texas. Marinera 12, Orioles 4 In Seattle, Alex Rodriguez hit his AL-leading 19th homer and Russ Davis drove in four runs as the Mariners beat Baltimore.

In National League games: Rockies 6, Cardinals 1 In St. Louis, Mark McGwire became the first major league player ever to hit 25 homers before June 1, but John Thomson then shut down the Cardinals and led Col-

orado to victory. Giants 3, Reds 1 Barry Bonds hit a three-run homer in the third inning off Pete Harnisch (4-1), and Orel Hershiser (4-3) finished the month of May with a 4-0 record. San Francisco won for the

eighth time in 12 games.

Dodgers 4, Astros 3 In Houston, Gary
Sheffield homered leading off the 10th inning as Los Angeles won after wasting a 3-0 lead. Houston stranded 17 runners, including nine in the first three innings.

Braves 9. Cubs 5 In Atlanta, Kevin Millwood (7-1) allowed five hits in seven innings, and Curtis Pride had a pair of hits and two RBIs. Pride was ejected along with the Cubs' catcher, Sandy Martinez, when they brawled after a collision at home plate.

Phillies 5, Expos 3 Rico Brogna hit a two-run double off Shane Bennett (1-3) with two outs in the 14th inning to lift visiting Philadelphia.

Diamondbacks 3, Padres 2 in Phoenix, Andy Ashby allowed the goahead run to score on a wild pitch in the eighth, and San Diego lost three straight for the first time this year. (NYT, AP)

Women Athletes Slowly Emerge From Behind the Veil in Iran

By Jere Longman New York Times Service

EHRAN — Dressed in a scarf and a long blue coat. Lida Fariman practiced her target shooting on a recent afternoon looking down the barrel of hopes to be a competitive athlete,

not simply a pioneer.

It hardly mattered that Fariman finished 46th among 49 competitors in her target-shooting event at the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta. Far more significant was her status as the first woman from Iran to participate in the Summer Games since the 1979 Islamic revolution and the first woman ever to carry the flag for her country in the opening Olympic ceremonies.

This was very important for Iranian women, said Bahar Tavakolinia 31, who is studying to be a coach at the University of

world, people think we are in prison skin-tight, aerodynamically advantbehind the veil, that we can't do anything. It's not true."

Prompted in large part by Faezeh Hashemi, an outspoken member of Parliament and the daughter of former President Ali Akbar her rifle toward the Asian Games Hashemi Rafsanjani, Iranian womthis year and the 2000-Summer en are taking part in competitive mpics in Sydney, where she and recreational sports in unprecedented numbers.

Hashemi, who is vice president of the Iranian Olympic Committee, said roughly 2 million Iranian women participated in some form of sport, compared with 400,000 two years ago and 10,000 before the Islamic revolution began in the late 1970s.

Whatever the recent relaxations fundamentalist traditions, though, women still participate in sports in some uniquely circumscribed ways: Those who run do so not only in sneakers but in long coats and pants and scarves; the country's aspiring downhill skiers are not likely to be competitive

Physical Education, "All over the soon, in light of the fact that the ageous ski outfits are still deemed too provocative: women who water-ski must wear a waterproof coat and a scarf, which can be dangerous as well as cumbersome; and women can only watch soccer on television, not enter the actual stadiums.

But the changes, often profound, sometimes quite nuanced, can be seen across the country. •

Schoolgirls again can play soccer, the national sport that was banned for women during the revolution, and many recreational sports are no longer segregated by gender in Tehran's city parks: Visitors to Mellat Park in central Tehran in the early morning can see men and women jogging together and playing ping-pong. In the af-ternoon in Laleh Park, women go in-line skating and play recreational soccer with men.

In the most private of Tehran's sports clubs, men and women sometimes even swim together.

who can vote, hold office and work as teachers, lawyers and doctors or in business; nor is it the most urgent concern in an Islamic nation where women cannot work or get a pass-port without a husband's permission, where they must have a father's written consent to marry, where they can be divorced for no reason and where, with few exceptions, they automatically lose custody of their children when a

marriage dissolves. Still, Hashemi, 35, a mother of two who favors lumberjack shirts. jeans and sneakers under her black chador, views sports for women as an essential means of cultural reform, and the breakthroughs in participation and competition, she says. reflect the incremental freedoms gained since last year with the election of the relatively moderate President Mohammed Khatami, who is

widely supported by women. Essentially, the same games and

Sport is hardly the greatest sports available to Iranian men are achievement of Iranian women, available to women, from chess to karate. Occasionally, women compete against men in equestrian events. When competing indoors, women can wear shorts and T-shirts to play such sports as basketball and volleyball, but men, and especially photographers, are not allowed to watch. Women wear Western-style ski suits on the slopes, as long the outfits are not too tight and include a hat or scarf.

There are still clerics and others who argue that sports for women are barred by the Koran. Others protest it as trifling and sexually suggestive. But Hashemi, president of the Islamic Countries' Women's Sports Solidarity Council, and many women say those arguments are born of a misreading of religious texts and of narrow-minded political reasons. "Some believe that if women

have the opportunity to do what they want in sport, they will take advantage and be free in every field." Hashemi said.

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Capitals Win in OT

The Associated Press WASHINGTON Todd Krygier, a defense-

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and found Andrei Nikolishin's pass at his feet between the face-off circles.

Krygier blasted a shot past Dominik Hasek's glove side 3:01 into the extra period, giving the Washington Capitals a 3-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Monday night and tying the Eastern Conference finals at one game apiece.

The victory, which snapped Buffalo's eightgame winning streak, was the first for the Capitals in a in regulation.

conference finals in franchise history. Washington was swept by Boston in its man who scored only two goals all season and didn't even play in 37 games, skated onto the ice at the Suffalo on Thursday night

and Saturday. President Bill Clinton

was at the game, sitting with start of an overtime shift Vice President Al Gore. Mr. Clinton was the first sitting president to attend an NHL game, the league said, but he left at the end of regulation time and didn't see

the game-winning goal.

Buffalo needed a gift goal to get to overtime. The Capitals appeared to have the victory in hand until Esa Tikkanen deflected Barnaby's slapshot between goaltender Olaf Kolzig's legs and into his own net with 56 seconds remaining

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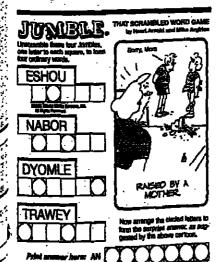
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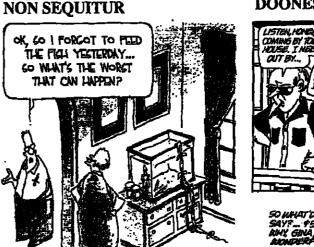
















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The Isolationist Blues

By Russell Baker

NEW YORK - When someone says "Indimost Americans probably think of gamblingcasino operators. So isolationist have we become.

exploding atom bombs.

I am not saying we are so dumb we don't remember that a place called "India" can be found on a map by anybody who scored 1590 on the SATs. India is where "Gunga Din" was set. Or was it Pakistan? Whatever.

So after remembering that there is an India, Washington biggies were very cross. India had been very rude. If India had been a schoolboy, the the United States might adore teacher would have sent a nuclear China, India tended to testy note home to its mother. view it as a potentially hostile

Instead, America is going to cut off India's goodies. That is its usual punishment for countries that irritate it. When you've got a country that needs to be taught a good lesworks may stint on coverage son, cut off its goodies. Cuba, of everything east of New Iraq, Libya, Iran --- no more goodies for them until they start behaving themselves.

india is not the only country that bores Americans except when it's irritating them. Who can name the president of France, the prime minister of Canada? Who cares what's happened lately in Cairo,

Athens, Krasnoyarsk? world's big international cor- whereupon it's "So long, porations, that's who. As our Holy Father, we hear America ways explaining, the future lies in the global marketplace, kids, so don't let have let hav kids, so don't let hometown sentimentality about Ameri-can jobs and industry make race begins again. you do something stupid.

Big-time U.S. businesses with political muscle have forced the politicians to stay awake about matters Chinese, for instance, but without smart capitalists leaning on them, the Clinton people seemed to

forget that India was around. So did the press. The media Even Washington's best are mostly just as isolationist minds were astonished to as the rest of the political cullearn that the Indians were ture. The story that doesn't entertain has a hard time getting coverage, electronic or print. The theme song of the American media these days should be "Let Me Entertain

> Before isolationism became stifling, tube-watching America would probably have seen somebody in New Delhi pointing out that while

power on its border. Doesn't sound very enter-

taining, does it? Most of what passes for for-eign news is stuff of the Prin-York and west of Washington, but give them a Princess Di funeral and they dispatch their anchors across oceans. Anchors, for Heaven's sake! Men who earn nearly as much as baseball players.

Give them a Pope going head-to-head with exasperating Castro, and off go the an-chors to Cuba until Monica The people who run the Lewinsky makes the scene,

ico falls into ruin. India tests

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Film Shines a Japanese Light on World War II

By Kevin Sullivan and Mary Jordan Washington Post Service

OKYO - Finally, a feel-good World War II movie for the

Japanese.
"Pride, the Fateful Moment" turns the tables on generations of Hollywood war films in which decent American military heroes avenge the atrocities of Japanese militarists who are almost comically sneaky and evil in their little brimmed hats.

The film, which opened Saturday with police guards stationed at many theaters, is gathering steam here like a locomotive. In it, Americans are drawn as cartoonish bad guys — big, awkward, mean and vindictive braggarts who trample all over the humble and mildmannered Japanese of postwar U.S. occupation. The Americans Japanese speak politely, love deeply and suffer their boorish conquerors with dignity.

pan's leading studios. Toei Co., "Pride" tells the story of General Hideki Tojo, the prime minister able, if ultimately mistaken who led much of Japan's war effort. overzealous in its pursuit of it. Hanged as a war criminal in 1948, Tojo emerges in this movie as a loving husband and gentle grand-father with an admirable devotion to his emperor and his nation.

Fifty years after the war, a remarkable perception gap still exists between Japan and the rest of the world. The nation's stance on World War II remains a central element of its relationship with China, South Korea and other Asian countries that suffered at the hands of Japanese soldiers. Many are still deeply angry at what they see as Japan's lack of remorse, and "Pride," which its producers hope will be released in the United States,

is certain to re-ignite that anger. The film is actually as Hollywood as can be - a splash of documentary in a sea of entertainment, the genre perfected by Oliver Stone in "JFK" and "Nixon." In this treat-

ment, the man who helped make "Banzai" a terrifying household word in American homes becomes a pretty sweet old duffer. Tojo, apparently, loved nothing more than raising tomatoes with his wife.

Certainly, many Japanese don't agree. Ezra Vogel of Harvard University, one of America's leading scholars on Japan and China, said that the philosophy expressed in the movie represents "only one Japanese view of things," and that many Japanese believe the war-era military was never held fully accountable for its conduct.

Yukio Matsuyama, a professor of American politics in Tokyo and former chief editorial writer for the influential Asahi Shimbun, shook his head after a recent screening of the movie. "Counterproductive," he said. "The movie may encourage hawkish, conservative people, but will have scarcely any influence shout, sweat, rage and connive. The over the majority. I hope no youngsters will be influenced by it."
Portrayed by Masahiko Tsug-

awa, one of Japan's foremost ac-A major picture from one of Ja- tors, Tojo comes across the way many Japanese continue to see Ja-pan's conduct in the war: honorable, if ultimately mistaken and

> For many in the West, Tojo's mustache and shaved head have come to symbolize the militarism and fanaticism that produced the kamikaze pilots and the gory battles of Okinawa and Iwo Jima. But in this movie, Tojo's only fanaticism is his devotion to duty and to nation. His shaved head here suggests wisdom, his impassive face strength and decency. His mustache becomes a plaything for the cute, chubby fingers of an adoring grandson.

> "I wanted to depict Tojo as a human being - not a hero, but a human being trapped by history," said Hideaki Kase, a political historian who was a driving force behind the movie. "We wanted to present to Japan and the world that Japan is not solely responsible for the Pacific war and that the socalled Tokyo Trial was unjust, il-



General Hideki Tojo visiting a shrine to the war dead in 1941.

Pride" is the trial — the Inter- the accused? national Military Tribunal for the Far East, In Japan's version of the Nuremburg trials in Germany, Tojo and six other defendants were sentenced to hang. The trial is depicted as an act of revenge dressed up as a legal proceeding. The lead American prosecutor is shown hissing privately to the chief judge that the trial is not about justice, but Washington's desire to completely hu-

miliate and neutralize Japan. On screen several of the justices. as well as the American and Japanese lawyers assigned to defend the military leaders, raise questions about the trial's fairness. How could the victors, who had suffered

The central dramatic device of the Japanese military, fairly judge

When Tojo's lawyers ask why the defendants' crimes were any worse than dropping an atomic bomb on civilians in Hiroshima and Naga-

saki, the movie shows how prosecutors interrupted the Japanese translation and censored the remarks in the press and official trial record. In fact, the film's portrayal is generally accurate. But by showcasing the flaws of the trial, the filmmakers are clearly attempting to suggest that other historical interpretations of the war are also wrong.

The film presents grisly testi-mony from a priest who says he about the trial's fairness. How was present in Nanjing during the could the victors, who had suffered infamous slaughter of hundreds of enormous casualties at the hands of thousands of Chinese. But under those people very happy.

cross-examination, he admits he actually witnessed only one killing. The message: Nanjing wasn't as bad as it has been made out. And the larger message: People have been lying about Japan for too long, and it's time for that to stop.

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with widespread publicity in America for "The Rape of Nanjing," by the American author Iris chang. The book is a spectacularly graphic account of the rapes, be headings and other murders that Japanese troops committed in 1937 in Nanjing. Chang puts the death toll at more than 300,000. The book has infuriated some historians and others here, who contend that it grossly overstates the death toll and

s based on hearsay.

As international criticism of Pride" has risen, a government spokesman said last week that the movie "in no way reflects the po-sition of the government of Japan." He went on to say that Japan felt deep remorse and hearifelt apoltremendous pain and suffering during the war.

Western scholars say that Japan has not fully opened its archives from the war period. The nation glosses over the struggle in its text. books and officials are reluctant to examine the era. For decades, dis-

cussing the war was taboo.

But that is beginning to change, and "Pride" is part of the cultural

Even though several prime min-isters have issued what seem to be sincere apologies for the suffering caused by Japan during World War II, few of its Asian neighbors pay attention. Instead, they talk about their fears that Japan will "rise again," and they insist Japan has

never apologized adequately.

Ironically, although Japan is assailed in other countries for not apologizing enough, inside Japan critics condemn the government for failing to respond to what they see as unfair



VACATION -- Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain is sending his old friend Lynton to a summer festival remove a small lump in her breast, the band's spokeswoman at the Teddy Bear Museum in Stratford-upon-Avon. said. Halliwell, one of the flamboyant stars in the million- The guitarist, who died in 1970, had Cherokee ancestry.

THE U.S. Senate unanimously confirmed President Bill Clinton's nomination of William Ivey to succeed Jane Alexander as chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. Ivey, 53, a folklorist and ethnomusicologist, has been director since 1971 of the Country Music Foundation in Nashville, Tennessee, which operates the Country Music Hall of Fame. The president praised Ivey for his "deep understanding of and commitment to American creativity." Alexander's term expired in October.

So much for monster-sized expectations. The scaly star of "Godzilla" fended off bullets, torpedoes and missiles all Memorial Day weekend, but the movie didn't live up to its Promoted for more than a year with a campaign that insisted no large crowds and they made no public comments. 'size matters," the film earned \$55.5 million over the U.S. holiday weekend — about the amount spent on its marketing. "In a word, 'Godzilla' was a disappointment," said a film industry analyst, Arthur Rockwell of Drake Capital Securities, "We're not looking at a flop. It's just not the kind of

One of the Spice Girls, Geri Halliwell, disclosed Tuesday that she underwent emergency surgery seven years ago to

selling British pop quintet, was working as a dancer at London's Astoria nightclub when she discovered a lump in her right breast. "I knew that if the lump was cancerous I would lose my breast," Halliwell, 25, told The Sun newspaper. "It was really a tough time. But it made me realize how precious

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life is." The lump turned out to be benign.

Queen Sophia of Spain returned to Greece for the first time in 17 years. The wife of King Juan Carlos is the sister of Greece's former King Constantine. She left her country in 1962, and returned briefly to attend her mother's funeral in 1981. King Juan Carlos and Queen Sophia were greeted at the start of a five-day visit by President Constantine Stephanhype by posting a record as the summer movie season began. opoulos and Prime Minister Costas Simitis, but there were

> The rock guitarist Robbie Robertson took home the lifetime achievement award at the first Native American Music Awards. Wayne Newton played host for the ceremony, which was attended by 1,500 people at the Foxwoods Resort Casino in Ledyard, Connecticut. Robertson, who has Mohawk ancestors, was honored for helping open the door to the music world for American Indians. More than 150 musicians were nominated for awards in 20 categories. Jimi Hendrix became the first inductee into the Native American Music Awards Hall of Fame.

The singer known for her silky rendition of "Stormy Weather" received an honorary degree from Yale University at a graduation ceremony cut short by pouring rain. Lena Horne, 80, was given a standing ovation as she accepted be honorary doctorate of humane letters. The president of Yale. Richard Levin praised Horne for her artistic achievements and social activism. "In the stormy weather of a segregated society." he said, "you were a pioneer who refused to be stereotyped."

Sam Yorty, the controversial mayor of Los Angeles in the turbulent 1960s, was admitted to a hospital for an indisclosed ailment. Yorty, 88, was in stable condition at the UCLA Medical Center, a spokeswoman said. His family did not wan other information released. Yorty was elected mayor in 1961 despite opposition from fellow Democrats who were incessed when he endorsed Richard Nixon over John Kennedy for president in 1960.

never got around to paying the fee. But he recently tracket down his former lawyer and sent him a check for \$180. Perez said: "I'd like to frame the check and keep it. It restores my

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